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ISOLATION FEAR ON BUS FUNDING CUTS

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

PENSIONERS have criticised council bosses for withdrawing funding for travelcards that will leave elderly and disabled people 'isolated' during peak times.

As of April 1 next year, cardholders will no longer be able to travel for free before 9.30am and after 11pm as part of major cuts to services made by Staffordshire County Council.

Cynthia Cooper, who lives alone in Wheaton Aston and relies on buses to travel, battled depression after her husband died by volunteering at the Katharine House Hospice shop in Princes Street, Stafford.

But the grandmother-of-four, aged 69, fears she will not be able to afford to get to the charity shop if she has to pay at certain times and will struggle to visit her family.

She has already been impacted by bus cuts in April which meant she went from seeing her grandchildren once a week to once every two weeks.

She said: "I get the bus at 8.20am twice a week to be there but if I get the bus after 9.30am it will be lunchtime before I get there.

Rely

"I give up my time to do this but I am not going to be able to pay to get the bus. I am on a standard pension, I do not have a private pension.

"I rely on public transport at all times of the day and, like many others, this is going to isolate me more, on top of the cuts earlier this year.

"A lot of people will have no way to get to hospital appointments in the morning."

The county council needs to bridge a £35 million shortfall in its budget for next year.

Free travel will still be available between 9.30am and 11pm on weekdays plus at any time on weekends and bank holidays.

The move to withdraw funding has been approved by the cabinet but needs to be agreed at full council.

Council leader Councillor Philip Atkins said: "Our proposals mean we will still do more to support Staffordshire people than we are legally obliged to, but we are being honest with people about what these proposals will mean if they are implemented."

Any comments about the cuts can be sent to buspasscomments@staffordshire.gov.uk by November 30.

COUNCIL DELIGHTED TO BE ALONG FOR THE RIDE

Action from a National Mountain Bike Championships event held on Cannock Chase *Picture: Tim Thursfield*

THE leader of the district council says he is delighted that Cannock Chase has been named as the venue for the mountain biking event in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

It comes after the sport and venue programme for the Games was confirmed on Friday.

Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am extremely proud that Cannock Chase will be a venue for mountain biking for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. This will be a chance for us to showcase Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty, to the world.

"It will put Cannock Chase on the map and bring many economic benefits to the district."

Over 11 days, 17 different sports will take place from July 17 to August 7 in Birmingham and the wider West Midlands region, with athletes from 71 nations and countries arriving for the Games and millions tuning in to watch the momentous sporting event. Tony McGovern, managing director for Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am thrilled that the 2022 Commonwealth Games will be coming to Cannock Chase.

"This is the largest sporting and cultural event to come to the region, and we are delighted to be part of it.

"I hope this will not only put the district on the map but also bring great economic benefits to local businesses."

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POLICE

CCTV appeal over slaughtered goat

A GOAT was stolen from a Staffordshire farm before being found slaughtered.

Police have issued a CCTV appeal to trace a man in connection with the killing. Officers are investigating a report of a goat having been stolen from a farm, in Hamstall Ridware, near Rugeley.

CCTV image

It was taken from the farm, in Yoxall Road, at around 8.40pm.

A spokesman for Staffordshire Police said: "We are keen to talk to the man in this image as we believe he may be able help us with our investigation."

Anyone with information is asked to email 04864@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk quoting incident number 185 of October 7.

LOTTERY

£13k aid makes 'a real difference'

CANNOCK charity Dads and Disabilities Support has been awarded £13,300 from the Postcode Local Trust, a grant giving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The funding enables the organisation to continue its work in the district. Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling said she was delighted at the news.

"My thanks must go to players of the People's Postcode Lottery as this award will make a real difference to the local community," she said.

ELECTRIFICATION

Rail footbridges to be replaced

TWO footbridges are being removed and replaced as work is carried out to electrify the Chase Line.

Work to remove the old bridges at Landywood Lane in Great Wyrley and Stafford Lane in Hednesford started this week. Both will be replaced by new structures.

The two replacement projects will take about 22 weeks. During the works period, people will be diverted along a segregated walkway next to the road.

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Fire service boss on awards shortlist

Becci Bryant – 'delighted'

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Chief Fire Officer has been shortlisted in a nationally recognised awards scheme.

The FL National Awards and Summit, now in its ninth year, aims to recognise and promote the pipeline of female talent in the UK, across a diverse range of industry sectors.

Fifty one female business changers in the Midlands region have been named. They will compete across 11 categories, including business, not for profit, technology and more.

Women are not solely responsible for bridging the gender gap in business so this year, top 'male agents of change' will be announced. These are men who are championing and leading the drive for diversity and inclusivity in their businesses and the wider community.

Becci Bryant, who has been shortlisted in two categories – Corporate Leader and Diversity Champion of the Year – said: "I'm delighted to have been nominated for the FL Awards.

"It's a hundred years since women got the right to vote in the UK, yet female chief executives in the FTSE 100 are still outnumbered by male bosses who earn 77 per cent more than their female counterparts." Ms Bryant is the first woman in England to have achieved the prestigious position of Chief Fire Officer after beginning her career as an operational firefighter.

"I have witnessed first-hand how the fire and rescue service has changed over the years," she added.

"When I joined, there was a view by a lot of my colleagues that women weren't cut out to be firefighters.

"This was reflected on the incident ground when members of the public would be shocked to see a woman in charge of an incident."

'Negative impact' fear as 230 homes approved

A SCHEME to build 230 homes in Essington will have a major impact on the village, after developers were given the green light, residents fear.

Councillors have vowed to push for a judicial review after the plans were approved.

They say schools, roads and doctors' surgeries will not be able to cope.

The new estate will spring up on land off Hobnock Road after South Staffordshire Council approved the proposals.

Villagers have been left furious by the decision, which will dramatically increase the size of the village.

District councillor David Clifft, who also sits on the parish council, said: "Essington, back in 2012, was earmarked for no development until 2028 because it would be over-development – the schools and doctors' surgeries are over-subscribed.

"But then the Government came along in 2015 and said more houses were needed than first thought. In my opinion, planning officers had a knee-jerk reaction.

Outstanding

"I think this will have a major negative impact on the village, in terms of facilities. The school is over-subscribed.

"It is an outstanding school so everyone will be clambering to get in there. It will take two weeks to get an appointment at the doctors' surgery.

"There is no infrastructure on the roads. There are 230 houses so there could be 600 people and at peak times that could be a major problem."

Councillor Clifft has refused to give up the fight and said critics of the development could now push for a review of the approval decision. He added: "There is talk about a judicial review and while that's going on we will be talking to local MPs."

The new development will consist of nine one-bedroom flats, nine two-bedroom flats, 23 two-bed bungalows, 51 two-bedroom houses, 76 three-bedroom houses. 54 four-bedroom houses and eight five-bedroom houses.

MP bares all on Boris bike for charity

Michael Fabricant as seen in the video – 'I'm told that naked cycle riding is both healthy and liberating'

MICHAEL Fabricant bared all on a Boris bike as he launched a charity event in aid of a hospice.

The flamboyant Lichfield MP wore nothing more than a kipper tie and a pair of aviator shades as he cycled around his local park for a jaw-dropping promotional clip posted online. Mr Fabricant wants to encourage others to take part in an annual naked bike ride to raise cash for St Giles Hospice.

In the video, the wild-haired Tory MP can be seen posing on the bike and waving at passers-by in Beacon Park, while the Queen anthem Bicycle Race plays in the background. He tells viewers: "A naked bike ride from Lichfield to Whittington would be a beautiful thing and would uncover all sorts of parts that I've never seen before. I'm told that naked cycle riding is both healthy and liberating."

Chief executive Emma Hodges said: "We are incredibly grateful for Michael's involvement."

Team on the way to give advice about cancer care

FREE advice on cancer care and support is coming to Staffordshire from Monday, October 29, to Friday, November 2.

Macmillan Cancer Support's mobile service will be visiting the county, with cancer information specialists on hand to answer questions and provide information.

The team encourages anyone with worries relating to cancer to stop by, whether they are living with cancer, or care for someone who is.

The stop-off points are:

Monday, October 29 – Hednesford Tesco, Victoria Street, Hednesford, 9am to 3pm.

Tuesday, October 30 – Market Place, Cannock, 9am to 4pm.

Wednesday, October 31 – Market Square, Lichfield, 9am to 4pm.

Thursday, November 1 – Octagon Centre, Orchard Street, Burton upon Trent, 9am to 4pm.

Friday, November 2 – St Editha's Square, Tamworth, 9am to 3pm.

For further information about Macmillan's mobile information service, and planned visits, go to www.macmillan.org.uk/mobileinfo

Anyone unable to visit the unit but has questions about cancer can visit www.macmillan.org.uk or callMacmillan free on 0808 808 0000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

To find out about local Macmillan services go to www.macmillan.org.uk/in-your-area/choose-location.html

Your View wanted on council budget

LICHFIELD District Council is asking its 100,000 residents to give their views to help shape its budget.

This financial year, the local authority will have spent just over £10 million on local services.

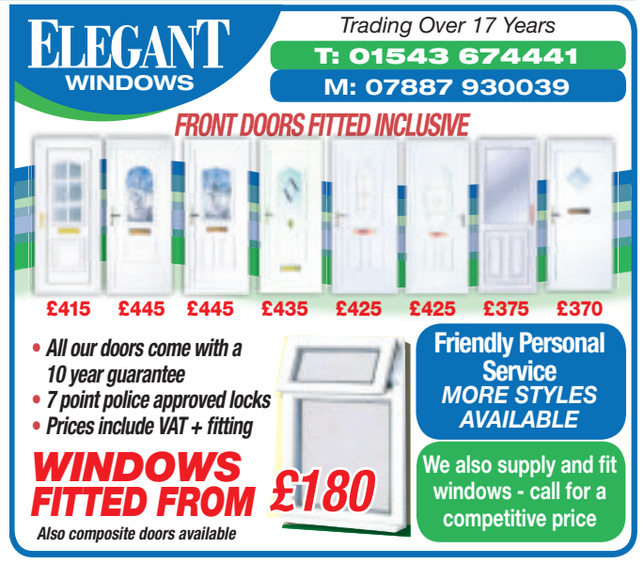
It receives just over £6m in council tax to help fund this, and the rest is funded through business rates, the New Homes Bonus and other grant income.

The Government has been reducing the amount of core grants it distributes to local councils each year, and these will be stopped altogether in the next financial year.

The Your View questionnaire is available to fill in at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/yourview until 5pm on Wednesday, November 21.

Plans for old pub

PLANS to breath new life into a derelict former pub in Cannock by transforming it into 10 flats have been unveiled. The Roebuck in Stafford Road has been empty for up to 18 months and the plans are set to be considered by Cannock Chase Council's planning committee.



Boy aged 10 airlifted as cars collide after chase

A YOUNG boy was among five people who were injured in a crash in Cannock.

Police were pursuing a Ford Fiesta ST3 Turbo, which they believed to be stolen, before it crashed at the junction of Gains Lane and the A5 on Thursday. The car collided with a Citroen Picasso being driven by a woman with three child passengers.

A 10-year-old boy was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital by air ambulance, while the woman, who was trapped in her car, was freed by firefighters. The two other children suffered minor injuries.

The incident happened at 4.30pm after a police chase. A two-mile stretch of the A5 was shut westbound for eight hours after the crash.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct has been informed, as the crash happened after a police pursuit. The police had stopped chasing the car before it crashed.

The A5 was shut westbound between the M6 Toll at junction T7 and the Turf Island for the B4154 until after midnight while collision investigators examined the scene. The road reopened the following day.

Two Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service crews were sent to the scene.

A 20-year-old Birmingham man was later charged with a number of driving offences, and possession of a bladed article and cannabis.

Woman hurt in M6 bridge fall

COMMUTERS faced delays across the West Midlands region after a spate of motorway incidents.

A woman suffered minor injuries after falling from a bridge over the M6 on Friday at 8.30am on the Doxey Road bridge southbound between junctions 14 and 13 for Stafford.

The incident came after two lanes were closed for almost two hours northbound following a collision further down the M6. Two out of four lanes were closed for recovery near Walsall between junctions 10 and 10A.

Elsewhere an overturned lorry caused disruption on the M5.

One out of two lanes was closed after the HGV ended up between the motorway and a slip road near junction six for the A449 near Worcester.

Shugborough walk

A SEVEN-and-a-half mile moderate walk from Shugborough is in the offing for Chase Ramblers on Sunday. The departure time is 9am prompt from Hednesford railway station car park, Anglesey Street.

Summer success for Alton Towers owner

The new Wickerman ride at Alton Towers

ALTON Towers enjoyed a strong summer of trading as families flocked there to enjoy the sunshine.

Merlin Entertainments, which owns the Staffordshire theme park, said the summer heatwave had boosted visitor numbers to its outdoor attractions, including Alton Towers, Warwick Castle, Thorpe Park and Chessington World of Adventure, with 'particularly strong trading' up nine per cent.

However, the company's indoor attractions, including Madame Tussauds, suffered as families opted to make the most of the sunshine, according to a trading update.

Merlin operates sites around the world, but has a string of attractions in London. As had been predicted, takings in the capital declined in the first half of Merlin's financial year – a hangover from the terror attacks of 2017. But summer trading showed early signs of recovery with 'increasingly consistent, if modest, year on year growth reported'.

The Midway attractions – Madame Tussauds, Sealife Centres and Legoland Discovery Centres – enjoyed growth of 4.7 per cent as Merlin opened six new attractions and 644 accommodation rooms, which were boosted by a growing trend towards short breaks.

Nick Varney, Merlin Entertainments' chief executive officer, said: "We are excited by the recent launch of our two new Midway brands – The Bear Grylls Adventure in Birmingham, UK, and Peppa Pig World of Play in Shanghai. The attractions look fantastic and we are pleased with early guest feedback."

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Murder rate in region reaches 10-year high

THE MURDER rate in the West Midlands is at its highest in 10 years as new figures show violent crime continues to soar.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said there were 79 murders in the wider region in the year to June 2018 – up 30 per cent from the previous year.

West Midlands Police dealt with 42 incidents, and there were 10 murders in the area covered by Staffordshire Police.

The figures also show the full extent of the region's knife crime epidemic, which Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden has branded 'among the biggest crises facing the country'.

Over the period, there were 4,327 incidents involving blades, including 35 murders, 59 cases of attempted murder, 209 threats to kill and 1,907 serious assaults.

Overall, total recorded crime has rocketed by seven per cent in the West Midlands, with a 10 per cent spike in the West Midlands Police area and a five per cent rise in Staffordshire.

Pressures

West Midlands Police dealt with a 21 per cent increase in violent crime, a 16 per cent rise in weapons possession, a 23 per cent increase in sexual offences and a 22 per cent spike in robbery. In Staffordshire, there were huge rises in robbery and weapons possession offences, which showed respective spikes of 30 per cent and 29 per cent.

The figures come as West Midlands Chief Constable Dave Thompson revealed the force may have to get rid of up to 500 officers due to government changes in pension contributions. West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "The figures highlight the short-sighted approach of the Government by continuing to apply cuts to police forces' funding at a time when the pressures on policing are increasing."

Staffordshire Police said the force would 'continue to prioritise' crimes that cause the most harm. Across the country crime rose by nine per cent in the year.

High hopes – Lucy Wolfe, of Rugeley, taking her first ever tandem parachute jump in aid of Dementia UK

Lucy in leap of faith for charity

AN employee at Central England Co-operative Society made a leap of faith for its corporate charity.

Lucy Wolfe, who works in the product and category team at the business support centre in Lichfield, raised more than £800 for Dementia UK from the tandem skydive.

Lucy, aged 40, of Rugeley, said: "A skydive has been on my bucket list for years.

"It seemed silly not to take advantage of an opportunity to raise money for a good cause in the process.

"My nan suffered with dementia in her final years, so it was nice that it meant something to me personally.

"I have 13 years to complete my next bucket list goal of gaining my pilot's licence, in the footsteps of my grandmother, who gained hers at the age of 54," she added.

Almost £339,000 has so far been raised by staff, members and customers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Beacon to mark war centenary

A BEACON will be lit in Cannock to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

It will be taking place from 6pm on November 11 at St Luke's Church.

Cannock Chase Council, in partnership with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, is organising the ceremony, to remember fallen heroes.

Church doors open at 5.50pm, and Rev Peter Harris will lead a 'The Battle's Over' service.

Musical entertainment from Giacoso will follow before the Staffordshire Regimental Association plays The Last Post ahead of the beacon being lit at 7pm.

Demolition of pub gets the go-ahead

PLANS to demolish a pub that dates back to the 1800s have been given the go-ahead.

The Green Man in Lea Road, Hixon, which is listed as an Asset of Community Value, will be pulled down to make way for a Co-op despite strong opposition from local people.

It comes as owner Steve Rabjohns has revealed that the declining number of customers and his partner's ill health forced him to sell the pub he has owned for 25 years. Stafford Borough Council approved the application submitted by Thistlewood Properties.

Canvassers' bid to update voters list

CANVASSERS will be visiting local properties to help Lichfield District Council complete its electoral register and encourage voter registration.

This summer, Lichfield District Council started the annual canvass to compile a new updated electoral register that will be the basis for elections over the next 12 months.

For two weeks from tomorrow (Friday), canvassers will be going door to door to make sure everyone has filled in and returned their household inquiry forms and their personal invitations to register forms.

Fashion show to help support new mothers

THE Baby Bear Project is holding a fashion show in Cheslyn Hay next month.

Now in its 10th year of supporting new mothers at St Mary's Hospital, in Durban, South Africa, the project will be staging the event on Thursday, November 8 at Salem Church Hall in High Street.

The fashion show starts at 7.15pm. Admission to the event is £2 to include refreshments.

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COUNTY NEWS

Fingerprinting the suspects 'on move'

POLICE officers will be able to fingerprint suspects 'on the move' after hundreds of new mobile fingerprint devices were brought in.

West Midlands Police has invested in 657 of the machines, which enable people's details to be checked on the streets.

Bosses say the move will save the force time and money, while also enabling officers to spend more time 'fighting crime'.

The force has spent £262,000 on the devices, which will initially be used by force response teams, operations officers and neighbourhood policing teams.

Medics want more social care funding

PATIENTS will be left 'stranded' in hospitals and GP waiting rooms unless more money is found for social care, leading medics have warned.

In a letter to the Chancellor ahead of the budget, leading British healthcare groups warned that more money needs to be ploughed into social care and public health services.

Without investment, 'consequent demand on NHS services will not be manageable', according to the letter.

The authors said the funding gap in social care services , estimated to be £3.5 billion by 2025 for adult care services in England alone, needs to be plugged as 'a matter of urgency'.

Children witness animal cruelty

MORE than a fifth of schoolchildren in the West Midlands have witnessed animal cruelty and neglect on social media, the RSPCA has revealed.

The charity said it was seeing nearly 5,000 such incidents reported each year. More than 400 have been reported in the West Midlands in 2016, 2017 and the first six months of 2018, and 238 in Staffordshire.

In response, the charity is launching its biggest ever education and prevention programme aimed at children.

Lower interest rates help first-time buyers

FIRST-TIME buyers are driving the housing market with the number of mortgages handed out to this sector reaching its highest levels in over a year in August, lenders have reported.

There were 35,500 new first-time buyer mortgages completed in August, two per cent more than in the same month a year earlier, trade association UK Finance said. Experts put this down to low interest rates

Commissioner backs campaign over FGM

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime is supporting a Home Office initiative to raise awareness of Female Genital Mutilation.

The campaign, running this month, aims to raise awareness of the harmful health consequences associated with FGM and reinforce that the practice is illegal in the UK.

Last year, the commissioner's office successfully bid for funding from the Home Office for two project workers to provide support to victims and potential victims of FGM.

The FGM workers from Barnardo's work with leading experts, local authorities and organisations in three pilot locations in Staffordshire – Stoke-on-Trent, East Staffordshire and Stafford.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold, who carries out the work for the Staffordshire Commissioner, said: "Female Genital Mutilation is a truly horrific crime which can impact a woman, physically and mentally, for the rest of her life and needs to be stopped.

"It is vital that we continue to raise awareness of FGM and that professionals across health, local authorities and the police work collaboratively to help improve reporting." Project workers from Barnardo's have been working closely with professionals to enhance practice by better equipping frontline staff with more specialised skills and knowledge about FGM."

"Working together enables professionals to spot girls who are at risk."

For further information about Female Genital Mutilation, visit www.nationalfgmcentre.org.uk

Shock as 40pc have to resit their GCSEs

By Peter Madeley

THOUSANDS of teenagers in Staffordshire and the Black Country face compulsory resits after failing to hit standards in their maths and English GCSEs this year.

Shock new figures show that nearly half of all 16-year-olds who took the exams in Sandwell failed to get benchmark grades in the exams, which are now graded on a 1 to 9 scale.

And in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Staffordshire, two out of five youngsters did not reach the required passing grade under the new system. It means that across the region, 8,898 students will be required to retake the exams next summer.

In Dudley 1,313 (40 per cent) will have to resit exams. In Wolverhampton the figures was 1,116 (43 per cent), in Walsall, it was 1,393 (43 per cent), and in Sandwell 1,795 students (49 per cent) did not get benchmark grades.

Confusing

A total of 3,281 (43 per cent) pupils in Staffordshire did not meet the standard required.

Most of the exams are now graded on a 1 to 9 scale under the new system. A pass grade, previously a C, is now a 4, with the top score of 9 reflecting the need for a grade higher than the previous A*. The Government has defined a Grade 5 as a 'strong pass', which would fall between an old B and C.

The Association of School and College Leaders, an education union, said that publishing how many pupils achieved a 'strong pass' is 'an extremely confusing message for young people, their parents and employers'.

The Government wants to see 90 per cent of students taking the five 'pillars' of the EBacc qualification – English, maths, science, history or geography and a modern language – by 2025.

Hap-pie butchers celebrates 40 years

Julie and Paul Foster at Alan Foster Butchers, which is celebrating 40 years in business this year

AN 'old-fashioned' butchers is celebrating a milestone in business.

Alan Foster Butchers in High Street, Aldridge, opened in 1978 and the family-run business is celebrating 40 years of trading this year.

It was started up by Alan Foster after the shop he managed, Dewhurst Butchers in Dudley Street, Wolverhampton, shut down.

Husband and wife Paul, 51, and Julie Foster, 45, currently run the shop where they chop, cook and sell meat and pastries.

Mr Foster started working there after he left school when he was 16-years-old and inherited the business from his uncle when he died seven years ago.

He said: "Customers love coming into an old-fashioned butchers, it is really nostalgic for them. It is a very niche market and the industry has taken a hit from big supermarkets but we are still going strong.

"We are very modern in a sense because we cure our own bacon and make our own pies.

"The beauty of making our own products is knowing exactly what goes into it. Quality is what people want."

Chase will be among venues for the Games

THE organisers of the 2022 Commonwealth Games have confirmed the 17 sports and 12 venues – including Cannock Chase and Sandwell – that will definitely be used for the 11-day event.

The programme includes all of the Commonwealth Games Federation's mandatory sports plus 3x3 basketball, diving, mountain biking, para-triathlon, rhythmic gymnastics, track cycling, track para-cycling and wheelchair basketball from the list of optional sports.

Archery, beach volleyball, cricket, para-table tennis and shooting are not currently on the list but may be added after a review of costs and athlete numbers is completed in the spring.

Twelve of the 17 sports confirmed at a launch event at the NEC on Friday will be staged in existing venues across the city.

The NEC itself hosts boxing, judo, table tennis, weightlifting and wrestling, while badminton takes place in the NEC Arena. Gymnastics' home will be Arena Birmingham, while Birmingham University will stage the hockey and squash, with the rugby sevens at Villa Park.

The athletics and opening and closing ceremonies will be at an upgraded Alexander Stadium.

The triathlon will be staged at Sutton Park and Sandwell's new pool is hosting the diving and swimming.

In a bid to keep costs down and spread the benefits of staging the Games, the lawn bowls will take place at Royal Leamington Spa, Cannock Chase hosts the mountain biking and the netball competition will be hosted by the Coventry Arena.

Dogs charity is barking for joy

A DOGS charity is celebrating receiving a £1,000 grant from Support Adoption For Pets to help meet the cost of vet bills.

Rugeley Welfare For Dogs rehomes dogs across Staffordshire while raising funds to support their rescue. After rehoming the dogs, they aim to keep in touch with the owners and help them out in any way they can.

Pauline Roberts, of Rugeley Welfare For Dogs, said: "Receiving this money means the absolute world to us and it will certainly go a long way. We would normally have to work very hard to generate a sum of money like this ourselves so it's a very big help."

Laura Messenger, grant funding coordinator at Support Adoption For Pets, said: "It is a real privilege to help."

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Arboretum to put on half-term activities

FAMILIES can enjoy a range of interactive and educational activities at the National Memorial Arboretum during half-term.

Woodland tealight workshops offer the opportunity for children to use autumnal textures and colours to create their own battery tealight holder. The workshops are available 10.30am to 3.30pm throughout half-term and cost £2.50 per child.

Launched as part of the programme of activities celebrating the centenary of the formation of the RAF, the Arboretum's interactive RAF experience offers the opportunity for families to explore the working environment of an RAF Command and Operation room.

The converted shipping containers each contain props, and children can get into character using the dressing-up items and preparing the RAF billet room for inspection. The containers are open daily 9am-5pm until November 11.

Younger visitors can discover the stories behind a variety of characters from the First World War, aided by a Thank You backpack, containing exploratory resources, dressing-up items and mini-mission cards to help them engage with the large number of memorials around the site connected with the conflict. Thank You backpacks are available for hire at £2.50 plus a £5 deposit per child.

Appeal after five bicycles are stolen

A POLICE appeal has been launched after five high-value bikes were stolen in a burglary at a shop.

Bikes were taken from Run and Ride in Stafford town centre, which is currently still liveried as the Kirklands Catering Shop, overnight on October 11.

Entry was gained through an upstairs window at the front of the building, which faces onto North Walls.

Staffordshire Police believe the bikes were taken out the same way, either through use of a ladder or hydraulic lift. The bikes are a Whyte E Bike Clifton Small, Cannondale Trail 4 Medium in bright yellow, Cannondale Trail 3 Large, Cannondale Quick Disc 5 Mens Medium and a Cannondale Quick Disc 3 Womens Medium.

Rock Dogs in gig

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs will be playing live at Bojollys in Rugeley on Saturday. The band will be dressing up for this Halloween bash. Admission is free, and the show starts at 9.30pm with a late bar.

Classic car owner's anger over theft

The stolen Jaguar 'difficult to value'

A STAFFORDSHIRE man who had his award-winning car stolen has spoken of his 'grievance' over the theft.

Colin Tivenan had his series one 4.2 coupé 1967 E-type Jaguar in British Racing Green, worth up to £100,000, stolen from a garage in Kingcup Road, Stafford.

Staffordshire Police have launched an appeal for information over the theft on September 25. The car is believed to have been towed away from the scene after offenders forced their way into the garage.

Mr Tivenan, from Stafford, has owned the car for 22 years after buying it in a private deal. He has offered a £1,000 cash reward.

He said: "It's difficult to value a car like this. This was a mint condition car, so the value is something I will have to discuss with the insurance company, but I'd imagine well in excess of £50,000.

"It's much admired whenever I take it out. The police are looking into the matter, and it's in their hands, but I suspect it took some local knowledge regarding the theft because it's been in the same lock-up location for 22 years, and I believe people from the area would've known its whereabouts."

The 70-year-old first made the discovery upon walking up to the lock-up. He added: "I went around to the garage to take it out and the lock was missing off the door and when I opened it I was looking at an empty garage."

A spokesperson for Staffordshire Police said: "Anyone with information is asked to email DC Andrew Shorthouse on Andrew.Shorthouse@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk."

Health service parking bringing in £11 million

HOSPITAL trusts in the West Midlands region made more than £11 million from parking charges and fines last year, new figures show.

Figures released by the NHS show the five trusts covering the Black Country and Staffordshire raked in nearly £3.4m from staff and £8.2m from patients and visitors in 2017-18.

University Hospital Of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs Stafford's County Hospital, made £3.6m, while the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust brought in £2.6m and Sandwell And West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust made £2.45m. The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust brought in £1.5m, and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust made £1.3m.

The Patients Association has criticised parking charges for patients, describing them as 'a charge on people who are unwell, levied on them because they are unwell'.

However, the association's chief executive Rachel Power said they were a way for hospitals to generate revenue at a time when they are under 'immense' financial pressure.

Charges

"The top priority for any new NHS funding should be patient care," she said.

"At a time when patients are receiving undignified and unsafe care on hospital corridors, car parking charges are not the top priority – undesirable though they may be."

Unite, which represents 100,000 health workers, said charges to staff of £70m across the country were 'a scandal' and amounted to a 'tax on hard-pressed' employees.

Union officer Sarah Carpenter said: "This pernicious trend is replicated by financially squeezed trusts across England. Our members are being used as an extra income stream for these trusts. We would like a situation where dedicated NHS staff, who don't earn a fortune, don't have to pay to park their cars to go to work to look after the sick, the vulnerable and the injured 365 days a year."

A spokeswoman for NHS Improvement said income generated from the charges was used to pay the costs of providing parking, while excess funds were put into clinical services.

Lorry overturns on busy island

The overturned lorry on the A460 Eastern Way, in Cannock *Picture: Darren May*

A LORRY caused traffic chaos for motorists in Cannock after it overturned, spilling garden waste onto the road.

The lorry overturned on the A460 Eastern Way, at about 9am on Sunday, near to the Orbital Retail Park.

It was leaving the nearby recycling centre when garden waste spilled onto the road. The road was blocked for a short time while police officers worked to help recover the vehicle.

Insp Michael Eyre, from Staffordshire Police, said: "The road was partially blocked as the lorry had tipped over after it was leaving the recycling centre. I discharged some of its load, which was mainly garden waste.

"The road was cleared and the company was providing its own recovery."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Winter Walk in aid of hospice

WALKERS are being called on to pull on their winter woollies ready for a festive fundraising stroll.

Katharine House Hospice needs supporters to sign up for its four-mile Winter Walk. The seasonal stroll sees families and their canine companions enjoy a leisurely circuit of Cannock Chase to raise cash for the hospice.

Adults can enter the fundraiser, set to take place on December 2, for £10 before November 1 or £12.50 after.

It will cost £20 to enter on the day, while children can walk for free.

Walkers can register online at wewalktogether.co.uk or by calling 01785 270808.

Q&A with music star Ure on tour

MIDGE Ure is returning to the theatre circuit in early 2019 with his Songs, Questions and Answers show.

The star who found fame as part of groups such as Thin Lizzy, Rich Kids, Visage, and Ultravox, is stopping off in Stafford.

The co-writer of the Band Aid charity Christmas single, Do They Know It's Christmas?, will be at the Gatehouse Theatre on April 19. A quarter of a century ago, Midge presented a theatre show with a Q&A element to it – and he will be revisiting that concept with an updated version.

Council in plea on development sites

LICHFIELD District Council is calling on interested parties to propose sites that could be suitable for future development.

As part of its Local Plan Review, the authority is asking landowners, developers and interested parties to propose sites so the council can identify as many options as possible to meet future needs. To propose a site, visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/callforsites

Sites can be proposed at any time, but for any to be considered as part of the review consultation, the deadline is 5pm on November 6.

Over-65s urged to get a free flu vaccination

PEOPLE over the age of 65 in Staffordshire are being encouraged to take up the offer of a free flu vaccination.

The free vaccination is offered to those who are at increased risk from the effects of the flu.

These include people aged 65 and over, pregnant women, those with underlying health conditions and children aged two to nine.

For more information on the free vaccine, visit www.nhs.uk/fluvaccine

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

When fast still meant top marks in design

FIFTEEN years ago this week, crowds gathered around Heathrow Airport, their noses pressed against the perimeter wire. As the flight from New York to London touched the runway, there was barely a dry eye in the audience.

The plane in question was Concorde, and the journey the world's last supersonic flight. Incredibly, next year also marks the 50th anniversary since it first took to the air. Even today, Concorde is a remarkable feat of engineering. Faster than the speed of sound, it got you from London to New York in about the same time it took to drive to the airport.

And this year also marks 80 years since Mallard broke the world speed record, hitting 126mph near Grantham. Like Concorde, Mallard was remarkable not only for what it achieved, but also for its beauty of design. Look at its sleek, futuristic lines, and contrast them with the shabby old multiple units you find running today's commuter routes.

The 20th century was the age of the artist engineer, visionaries who achieved the impossible and created something beautiful. Whereas today's technology revolves around dreary computers and phone apps, creating a generation of introverted teenagers and putting our high streets out of business.

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ON the plus side, advances in robot technology mean we will only need to work a four-day week. At least that's what shadow chancellor John McDonnell says. The other way of looking at it is that, as robots render human labour obsolete, countless jobs will be lost and millions thrown onto the dole. Based on past experience, which do you think is more likely?

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AS we look ahead to the festival of Remembrance, I suppose it wouldn't be the same without the usual suspects enjoying their 15 minutes of fame by sounding of a note of rebellion.

But in years gone by, it used to be pretty benign stuff, like CND leader Bruce Kent wearing a white poppy. These days it seems to be much nastier.

Earlier this month Prof Kehinde Andrews of Birmingham City University declared that Winston Churchill was racist. Hardly original, but it was his comments that followed that send a chill down the spine. He added: "The truth is Hitler was a great military leader, a product of his time, and if they won the war we would be having this discussion now." How is he still in a job?

007 comment and the twitterwaves are buzzing

Jonathan Dimbleby – blames social media for decline of reasoned discussion

Jodie Whittaker – the new Doctor Who uses her brain instead to disarm villains

Piers Morgan – accused over suggestion that he made on Daniel Craig

Oh baby! I just hate all this 'crime' talk

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

PIERS Morgan was probably guilty of some terrible hate crime this week when he suggested that Daniel Craig carrying his baby in a papoose showed that 007 had been emasculated. In Morgan's book, real men carry kids in their big hairy arms. As night follows day, women took to the twitterwaves to declare that there is nothing so manly as a bloke carrying his baby in a papoose. And there's nothing so embarrassed as a bloke whose woman feels she has to tell the world that he's manly. Some things are better left unsaid.

WHITEHALL is looking at proposals to extend hate crimes to cover the abuse of people based on their age or gender. Bang goes my fan mail.

REMEMBER the row at the National Trust last summer when volunteers were "invited" to wear badges celebrating a gay-pride campaign? Some felt uncomfortable at the idea and either stayed away or were relegated to back-room jobs. For an organisation usually associated with genteel English gardens and tea on the lawn, the NT were behaving in a nasty, bullying way. When the story hit the papers and NT members started cancelling their subscriptions, the Trust backed down. So what will happen at the BBC to staff who choose not to wear "LGBT ally" badges which have been designed to show support to LGBT colleagues? We are watching.

INCIDENTALLY, the term "jerk" may be a hate crime against jerks. Guilty as charged.

GENDER-stereotype alert. Doctor Who (BBC1) now in a female incarnation (Jodie Whittaker) made the feminist point that men are violent clots who instinctively reach for guns and bullets. The new Doctor uses her brain instead and disarms the robot-snipers by creating an electro-magnetic field. In the interest of balance, I should point out that the Doctor's famous sonic screwdriver has been adapted for female use. It now carries the instruction: "Lefty loosey, righty tighty."

NEW research suggests that fish which are caught and then released are unable to feed properly because the hook damages their lip. Reports referred to anglers "throwing the fish back." This is an offensive term. Genuine anglers never throw a fish anywhere. They handle their catch gently, if only because they want it to be fighting fit for the next weekend. I have never understood coarse fishing but they do seem to respect their prey. And so, too, do we game fishers. The difference is that we knock the trout or salmon on the head and have it for tea. Which is, of course, the fish's fault for being delicious.

JONATHAN Dimbleby blames the anti-social side of social media for the decline of reasoned discussion on TV and radio, declaring: "Debate generally has deteriorated in almost direct proportion to the amount of stuff that is uttered. We get more and more words and fewer and fewer thoughts." Memo to JD: Get a grip. You and your brother David chair two of the BBC's flagship discussion shows, you with Any Questions (R4) and David with Question Time (BBC1). If the quality of national debate has fallen, you Brothers Dimbleby must take some of the blame.

FOR a kick-off, they should halt the growing trend of "straw man" arguments when someone misquotes an earlier speaker to refute a claim that was never made in the first place. It happened recently on Question Time when a man in the audience asserted that "the UK is one of the least racist societies across Europe." He was promptly denounced by a Muslim woman as "a white man saying that there's no racism in this country." He had said no such thing but Dimbleby didn't point it out and the audience erupted with mob-like applause.

WE hacks get the straw-man treatment all the time. Not long ago, on the subject of privatising the railways, an emailer accused me: "Bet you supported it at the time, Mr Rhodes, so an apology is in order." As far as I can recall I never wrote about rail privatisation, let alone supported it (although I was resolutely against water privatisation). No matter. In today's anti-social media world, you can be pilloried not only for what you said but for what some jerk thinks you might have said.

DOES anybody have a backstop to prevent the endless use of the word "backstop"?

TALKING POINT

Horror of horrors this is all down to us

ONCE a year it is legitimate, in fact encouraged, for children to don terrifying masks and demand money with menaces from people sitting in their own homes.

As darkness falls, a knock comes at the door as, what is often a pack of ghoulish, little creatures, sneer 'trick or treat'. The 'victim' must then pay up with a treat of some kind or face retribution – an egging being the most popular trick.

It sounds almost barbarian doesn't it? But this acceptable form of robbery is sold to us as harmless Halloween fun.

It is easy to blame yet more of the American culture sweeping over the Atlantic. Not to mention the commercial infiltration which sees our high streets filled with Halloween costumes, banners, treats etc. But in fact, Britain is the birthplace of Halloween with the tradition having begun as the Festival of Samhain and part of the ancient Celtic religion.

The Celts believed that at the end of summer, the barrier between our world and the spirit world got really thin and ghouls could wander the Earth. So the festival was essentially a huge party to scare away the spirits.

Trick or treating actually goes back, in some form, to the 16th century in Britain. So though we may grumble about the expense, the repeated knocks at the door on October 31, and the requirement on parents to escort their little muggers on trick-or-treat escapades, we only have ourselves to blame.

But actually this British tradition can actually be fun. I always enjoyed the costume drama of dressing up my children. I liked to decorate the house and have a cauldron full of sweets ready. However, there is a 'but' – and that is the worry it poses for the elderly and vulnerable.

How terrifying must it be to look out of your window and see someone in one of those horrid 'Scream' masks for example.

Parents and children must be sensible when trawling the streets looking for 'trick or treat' targets. Decorated homes clearly invite callers but if they look like an elderly person may live there, perhaps a bungalow, don't be a nuisance.

If the door is not answered promptly walk away. Try to stay close to home where you are more familiar with neighbours.

While the children may be having a scream, remember to others they are frightening young terrors demanding money with menaces.

May everyone have the Halloween they hope for and only the spirits be frightened away.

DIANE DAVIES

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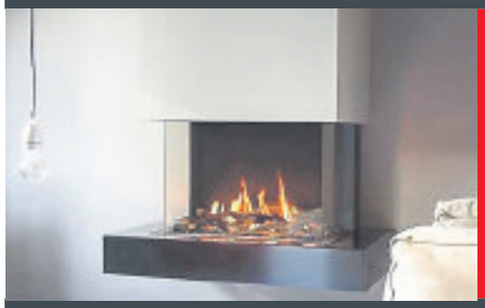

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£230k for clock that stood the test of time

A 328-YEAR-OLD timepiece created by England's most famous clockmaker was snapped up for more than £200,000 at auction.

The Thomas Tompion bracket clock, circa 1690, went under the hammer at Hansons Auctioneers' Fine Art Auction at Bishton Hall, Wolseley Bridge and was bought by an anonymous UK-based buyer. It is one of 650 clocks created by Tompion. The collection includes two created for King Charles II.

The historical treasure was bought for £230,000 once fees and VAT were added.

Charles Hanson, owner of Hansons, said: "It's a truly magnificent and historically important object which thoroughly deserves to achieve this sale figure.

Clockmaker Thomas Tompion

Wealth of Nation sold for £65,000

Charles Hanson with the Tompion clock that went for £230,000

Quality

"The clock was unearthed in Derbyshire. It has come from the Belper estate of a North Derbyshire man linked to the mining industry. It is a particularly fine example of Tompion's work – work which has stood the test of time. His bracket clocks are regarded as masterpieces.

"Tompion was an inventor as well as a maker of clocks of the finest quality. Fastidious when it came to detail, design and the use of quality materials, he set unrelentingly high standards.

"His work is still admired to this day. I call him Father Time."

At the same auction, rare first edition of a masterpiece book fetched £65,000.

Published in 1776, Volumes 1 and 2 of Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations, commonly known as The Wealth of Nations, is the second most cited book in the social sciences published before 1950, behind Karl Marx's Capital – and it was found in a cupboard by chance.

Wealth of Nations was estimated to fetch between £35,000 to £50,000 and surpassed expectations when sold to a private UK phone bidder at Hansons' Library Auction.

Two phone bidders locked horns in a battle to secure the book. Books expert Jim Spencer discovered it during routine final preparations for the sale of the contents of Staffordshire mansion Bishton Hall.

In 2013, an edition of the book sold for £46,000 at an auction in Edinburgh.

Mr Spencer, head of the Library Department at Derbyshire's Hansons Auctioneers, which handled the sale, said: "I felt like I'd stuck gold."

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No action over road problem

IN a Cannock road – Remington Drive – which has 30 bungalows owner/occupied by residents aged between 67 and 100 – a problem has arisen.

Cars are using the road to turn around and pick up passengers coming from the railway station.

This has been ongoing for approximately 18 months and was reported to a councillor for this ward who said a 'no turning sign' would be erected.

Despite letters to this councillor – never acknowledged – and confrontations nothing has been done!

It appears to me some councillors ply for your vote and when elected do nothing!

Disgusted resident
MRS D MACKUIN
Cannock

Take makeover challenge to aid charity

THIS autumn, the British Heart Foundation is calling on the nation to take on its Makeover Challenge by giving their homes a fresh new look using items bought at the charity's stores.

From upcycling a pre-loved piece of furniture to refreshing a whole room or space, the BHF is encouraging interiors enthusiasts, bargain hunters and those on a budget to get involved. Simply head to your nearest BHF home store in the West Midlands to find items that will give your home a seasonal update. Then share the new looks on social media with the #BoughtatBHF hashtag.

Offering furniture and electrical goods, new and used homewares and stylish homes accessories, every item sold in BHF stores helps to raise money to transform the lives of people living in the UK with heart disease, stroke, vascular dementia and diabetes. BHF furniture and home stores offer the perfect solution for students, first time buyers and savvy shoppers seeking affordable homeware, with sofas from £95 and wardrobes from £40.

To find out more and for your nearest BHF store head to www.bhf.org.uk/makeover.

CAROLINE USHER
BHF Regional Manager

Cannock UFO landing – fact or fake news?

I RECENTLY read a letter regarding UFOs and it prompted me to ask does anyone remember anything about part of an unidentified object supposedly landing in a field near Cocksparrow Lane between Cannock and Penkridge in 1964?

I was intrigued by a report in a local paper a couple of weekends ago which stated the military were soon on the scene closing roads in the area and recovering debris.

A friend and I looked in the Cannock Advertiser at our local library to see if it made headlines back in 1964 but alas no.

Fact or fake news, is there anyone out there who knows?

PAUL KMIOLEK
Hednesford

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Nul points for letter writer

CARL Sholl (Chronicle letters, October 11) states that some readers are very misinformed about the EU – which he thinks we voted to join in 1975.

The UK voted to join the Common Market, not the EU. Sorry, nul points.

GRAHAME WIGGIN
UKIP
Cannock Chase

Anyone need bandages?

MY husband was sent home, from hospital, with an excessive amount of bandages and dressings, which we still have.

They can't go back into the NHS and I don't want to take them to the tip.

Is there any organisation that can make use of them?

MRS DOWNES
Heath Hayes

We were taken into EU without people's consent

PLEASE allow me to respond to Carl Sholl of Burntwood: "We turned our back on poor people" Chronicle, October 11. He claims the British electorate were asked if they wanted to join the EU in 1975. This is false. The 1975 referendum asked us if we wanted to remain in the EEC (Common Market) which we were taken into without the consent of the people in 1972 by Ted Heath.

We did not join the EU until 1992 when John Major, without the consent of the people, signed the Maastricht Treaty. We in Britain have been allowed just one EU referendum, on June 23, 2016 when by a majority of 52 per cent to 48 voted to leave.

ANDREW WILLIAMS
Rugeley

Setting record straight

CARL Sholl, Chronicle October 11, is wrong when he says the country was asked if they wished to join the EU in 1975. Under Ted Heath's Conservative government, the UK joined the the EEC, a community trading agreement between eight countries, in 1973. In 1975 there was a referendum, under Labour, about the continuing membership of the EEC. The people voted to remain. The EU did not exist until 1993, with the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty. The only time UK people have been asked if they wanted to be part of the EU, was the 2016 referendum.

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Death of ex Federation chairman

Shareshill WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed members, particularly newcomer Jane Hayes and visitor Margaret Morgan.

Sadly, she then had to tell members that former Federation chairman Denise Moreton had died. A good friend of Shareshill WI, she worked tirelessly for Staffordshire Federation during her 12 years as chairman and will be sadly missed.

Since July the club has been on its successful summer saunter on Cannock Chase. At the end of August 11 members braved the inclement weather to watch a very entertaining performance of Shakespeare's Love's Labours' Lost at Wightwick Manor and 14 members enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea at Essington Fruit Farm.

The 100th Annual Council meeting is at Stafford on October 23, the Heathside Group meeting is at St. Luke's Church, Cannock on October 25 and Rose Lynk has organised a day trip to Cheshire Oaks on October 31.

Sheila Moulton – a friend of the club – brought her handbells along to explain the art of tintinabulation.

After talking about the history of handbell ringing and her long association with Gnosall Handbell Ringers, Sheila invited members to have a go and after much laughter and trial and error eight members managed to ring something that resembled a peal of bells.

Bird talk fits the bill for members

Cannock WI president Helen Hallchurch and speaker Kevin Reynolds

Cannock WI

A 'FLIGHT of fancy' took the club into the world of birds. Speaker Kevin Reynolds talked about our ingrained perceptions and how we react to different birds.

Magpies, for example received their name from 'Maggie Pie' – a chattering woman! Kevin explained how people they can be judged unfairly as a symbol of impending doom as in 'one for sorrow', or a thief of shiny items and blame them for the decline of the songbird. All are unfounded notions, they are in fact monogamous, highly intelligent, and very 'nest proud'!

He compared then to the robin, a bird people love for its appealing red breast, and which adorns Christmas cards and is a friend of the gardener. The robin is in fact aggressive and territorial.

Kevin concluded by asking people to consider the facts before making a judgment; as this may change one's perspective. Cannock WI will host hosting the Heathside Group WI meeting on October 25 at 7pm at St Luke's Church Centre, with entertainment provided by Michael James.

Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month 10.30am at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock.

Talk centres on reducing stress

Penkridge WI

"REDUCING Stress" was the title of Jan Mitchell's talk on October 1.

It was particularly topical as this year's NFWI resolution revolves around mental health issues in its many guises.

Jan has worked for many years in the health sector, supporting individuals and giving talks in health centres, hospitals and clinics.

Each month there is a competition for a member to bring something related to the talk.

The month's display included a bottle of sparkling wine and a bubble bath – but the winner was a short heartfelt note "A day gardening……without the dog that digs big holes!"

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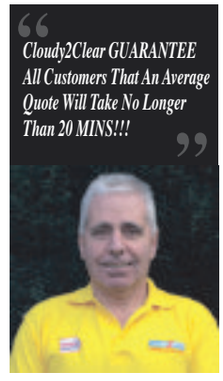

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TV auctioneer provides Pathway to raising funds

Charles Hanson and Pathway's Kathy Coe with charity supporters at the fundraising auction

AUCTIONEER and TV personality Charles Hanson helped Pathway to raise £5,700 at a charity auction.

The event, at Swinfen Hall, Lichfield, was part part of the Pathway Patrons' scheme, set up by the domestic and sexual abuse charity to provide a way for people to give in annually support of its work.

Charles, a regular on BBC's Bargain Hunt, Flog It! and The Antiques Road Trip, entertained the audience with tales of his life as an auctioneer and what it's like being in front of the cameras, before auctioning more than 20 items which had been specially donated to Pathway.

Charles Hanson and Kathy Coe

Celebrities donated catwalk designer dresses and signed T-shirts, artist Carl Knibb donated a painting which he created especially for Pathway, local restaurants provided vouchers, chef Simon Smith offered a personal Masterclass, while Debbie McGee and Tony Christie will meet and greet successful bidders as part of the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre's donation. Other lots included a shopping package from Birmingham's Selfridges, a seven-night holiday in Rhodes, a premium house clean donated by Merry Maids of Sutton Coldfield and a weekend driving a new 2018 Mercedes Benz Coupe, donated by Mercedes Benz of Tamworth were snapped up by keen bidders.

Further funds will be raised when a rare print signed by Lord Lichfield, donated by Simon Price of Arthur Price Ltd, goes under the hammer, alongside designer dresses worn by former Coronation Street actress Katherine Kelly.

Charles said: 'I was delighted to support Pathway for the charity auction."

Pathway chief executive and founder Kathy Coe said: "We are so grateful for the wonderful donations of the amazing auction items."

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Say cheese! Finale for language students

From left, Michelle Pass, Ruth Pritchard, Gavin Postles, Olivia Postles, Lynn Taylor and Joy Edmunds

STUDENTS on a French course designed to keep their minds fit and healthy finished off their first module in style with a cheesy celebration. They tasted a selection of cheese and then gave their opinions in French.

Jane Handley, French teacher and owner of French brain-gym company that runs the course, JLH Languages, said: "It was a lovely end to the five-week course and some students also brought a bottle of French wine along to go with the cheese – formidable!"

The classes are running in Great Wyrley, Cheslyn Hay, Pelsall, Burntwood, Cannock and Brewood and help students to communicate effectively in the language by teaching whole phrases rather than single words.

The next module starts in a few weeks' time.

Footage of prison 'fight club'

NEW footage has emerged of a brutal 'fight club' inside a UK prison following the previous scandal at Featherstone Prison, it is reported.

An investigation by the Sunday Mirror claims that prisoners at two other jails have been filmed taking part in 'fight clubs' with some inmates seen taking the drug Spice.

It highlights the Featherstone video, which first emerged last year and is believed to have been taken on a smuggled phone. Around 20 prisoners can be seen gathering in a group before it erupts into violence as two men fight and one is knocked to the floor and repeatedly punched.

One of the new videos that has come to light, this time from HMP Liverpool, is said to show prisoners apparently collapsed on the floor after taking Spice. Two other videos emerged from Buckley Hall jail in Rochdale apparently showing an inmate laughing at a haul of drugs and phones on a table while the second reveals a prisoner who seems to be setting fire to another.

In another video, a prisoner is attacked at Pentonville jail, North London. The Prison Service has confirmed that action had been taken since the earlier videos were published and those involved have been punished.

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Chase 'bomb' alert false alarm

POLICE were called to reports of an unexploded bomb on Cannock Chase that turned out to be a buried pipe.

The false alarm was raised last Wednesday afternoon (October 17) at the Shooting Butts Environmental Education Centre on Penkridge Bank Road near Rugeley.

Bomb disposal experts were dispatched to the scene and the area was evacuated, after what was suspected to be a First World War unexploded bomb, was discovered.

Bomb specialists inspected the object, and it was found to have been nothing more than a buried pipe.

Officers confirmed the area was made safe and the cordon removed on the same day.

At the time of the incident, police were urging people to stay away from the site while investigations were ongoing.

Police and bomb disposal experts at the site in Cannock

Regimental band in tribute to Armistice

THE Band of the Mercian Regiment will commemorate the end of the First World War with an evening of music and poetry at Lichfield Cathedral.

The November 3 programme promises film scores through the traditional to the contemporary with a few surprises.

It starts at 8pm with a chance to view the cathedral and chapel first.

The compere will be Michael Collie from the BBC who will also read poems from the First World War, some of which will be set to music.

The concert will be held in the nave at the cathedral, which is home to St Michael's Chapel – the chapel of the Staffordshire Regiment which now forms part of the Mercians.

It is home to the Colours of The 3rd Battalion of the Mercian Regiment (Staffords) which were laid to rest in January this year after it merged with The 1st and 2nd Battalions. The 32nd Regimental Mascot of the Mercian Regiment, Private Derby, will be a special guest.

Tickets are £15, £12 for concessions, through Eventbrite, the Lichfield Cathedral website, or on the door.

The Band of the Mercian Regiment outside Buckingham Palace

Plans lodged to bring in 1,000 jobs

DEVELOPER St Modwen has lodged plans for industrial and warehousing projects in Staffordshire that will create more than 1,000 new jobs.

Plans have been submitted for more than 570,000 sq ft of space around Stoke-on-Trent and at Trentham Lakes and Etruria Valley.

Plans include six industrial and logistics units at Trentham Lakes. Approval has been granted for five of the units with construction to start in January.

St Modwen is also expecting the green light to develop the next two phases at Etruria Valley, comprising a trade park scheme as well as a 43,000 sq ft standalone industrial and logistics unit. A further planning application for 51,000 sq ft on the same site has been submitted.

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Laugh-out laud festive production

Jenny Milakovic as Doreen in the Tower Players' show

Emma Richards as Julie in A Kick Up the Baubles

TOWER Players are putting on a festive production at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre. A Kick Up The Baubles is described as a laugh-out loud Christmas comedy.

Written by Gordon Steel, it takes place at the Church Street centre from November 28 to 30, with tickets at £12.

It's another peaceful Christmas in the Bauble household, Although a silent night would be welcome, all is not calm and bright. Frank does not wish it could be Christmas every day – in fact he's dreading the arrival of the snobbish in-laws who only ever bring a single bottle of wine for the entire festivities. With larger-than-life neighbours, and free-flowing drink, it has all the ingredients of a car-crash Christmas.

When Frank and Jean's estranged daughter Milly suddenly appears, the rug is pulled from under the chaos and the heartstrings are pulled.

Previous productions by the Hednesford-based group include Noises Off, Seasons Greetings, Confusion and Billy Liar.

Call 01543 578762 or visit boxoffice.wlt.org for tickets

Jobless at historic low

UNEMPLOYMENT is at an historic low in Staffordshire with nearly 7,000 jobs created over the last four years.

The number of jobless across the whole West Midlands region – including Staffordshire – fell by 2,000 to 139,000 in the three months to August, part of a nationwide jobless fall of 47,000 to 1.36 million.

The numbers claiming unemployment-related benefits in Staffordshire crept up by just 45 to 7,085 – just 1.3 per cent of the working population.

The number of claimants in Cannock Chase rose by 15 to 850, 1.4 per cent of the working population.

Lichfield's claimants total rose by 25 to 810. South Staffordshire also had an increase of 15 to 970 (1.4 per cent).

Growth

Staffordshire now has 'near full employment' with the county council hailing the success of its growth programme. A cabinet report discussed last week says sites and projects forming the county council's economic growth programme have so far created or safeguarded 6,835 jobs and delivered 301 houses up to September.

Economic growth leader Councillor Mark Winnington said: "We are seeing continued successes in terms of completed projects with expanding businesses across our sites."

The latest figures from the Office for National Statistics show just 1.3 per cent of the local population is claiming out of work benefits, the same figure as the previous two months, lower than the regional (2.9 per cent) and national (2.2 per cent) averages.

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"We are amazed at how many families have trusted us to care for their loved ones. The feedback we have received for our services has been unbelievably generous and, quite honestly, very moving."

The funeral home opened its doors for the first time in September 2017. Jack is the managing director, but it is very much a family business.

Working with his brother Luke, sister Grace and parents Tony and Linda, Jack says it has been a very busy 12 months.

"We believe that putting care above all else is it what sets us apart," says Jack.

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"Families appreciate having another family looking after their loved-ones. They get to know us and trust us. Because we do not have financial targets to hit we can focus solely their needs rather than up-selling products that add unnecessary cost to our services."

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Horse-drawn funerals are among those offered by the O'Malley family

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Jack added: "We want our services to be accessible to all people in all areas.

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Half-term Halloween fun

CHILDREN can get involved in a host of Halloween-themed activities during the half-term in Lichfield district.

Lichfield District Council's Getin2it sessions for young people aged from seven up to 25 will run over the half-term week and include archery, multi-sports, trampolining, dance and parkour.

Most sessions cost just £1 and do not need to be booked. Halloween fancy dress themed UV sports sessions take place at Burntwood Leisure Centre October 31 at a cost of £2 with sessions at 2pm for seven-to11-year-olds and at 3.30pm for 12-to-16-year-olds.

At Beacon Park, families can follow a Halloween puzzle trail, available from the Ranger Station between 10am and 3pm.

Workshops to make handheld mini-lanterns run at the park's Discovery Hub each day from October 27 to 30 at 10am, 11.30am and 1.30pm. Book on 01543 308867 or email parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk

See www.activelichfield.co.uk/holidayfun for the full programme.

Angel statue wings it way to exhibition

THE Lichfield Angel will go on display in the British Library in London as part of a landmark exhibition which tells the story of our Anglo-Saxon heritage.

It will sit alongside better-known treasures such as the Domesday Book, the tiny 7th century St Cuthbert Gospel, and the Lindisfarne Gospels in what has been hailed as a "once in a generation "exhibition.

The Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms: Art, World, War opened at the British Library last week and runs until February. It spans over a thousand years of history, art and literature from the decline of Roman Britain to the Norman Conquest and tells of the people of Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms in their own words.

The Lichfield Angel – an exquisitely carved limestone figure, believed to be Archangel Gabriel– was discovered by builders, watched over by archaeologists, in 2003, during excavations beneath the Gothic nave of the Cathedral while building a new rising platform for concerts and recitals.

Figure

They found a small pit alongside which were three fragments of a bas-relief panel made of Ancaster limestone, carved with the figure of an angel – his wings still fiery with red colour applied more than 1,200 years ago. It only survived because it was buried beneath the later building, possibly preserved as a relic of the tomb of St Chad, the Cathedral's patron.

"None of us imagined that a simple project would unearth such a priceless gem," said the Dean of Lichfield, the Very Revd Adrian Dorber.

"We are proud to have been invited to exhibit in this landmark exhibition and help tell Lichfield's story and its place in the history of our ancestors."

Check out the county for chills and thrills

Alton Towers Scarefest is back for another year

FAMILIES looking for something half-term chills and thrills during half-term are being encouraged to check out some of the county's great attractions.

With hundreds of exciting locations and attractions, county bosses are urging people to discover what's on offer throughout Staffordshire.

With thrilling rollercoasters, terrifying scare mazes and spooktacular family entertainment, the 2018 Scarefest at Alton Towers Resort promises great entertainment for the whole family. At Drayton Manor Park there's more Treat Than Trick with freaky fun activities and entertainment.

Screamfest is back at the National Forest Adventure Farm, with five thrilling scare attractions, while face painting, fancy dress and a creepy colouring competition are all on offter at Trentham Money Forest's Deadly Dungeon.

Find out more about the activities taking place during half-term at www.enjoystaffordshire.com/halfterm

Food hall to shut

THE popular Marks and Spencer foodhall in Lichfield's Three Spires Shopping Centre is to close in the new year after bosses decided not to renew the lease. It opened in 2003. Its 28 staff will offered positions in other shops.

Survey now available

THE Norton Canes Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire is now available for completion before November 30.

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Chippie sets its sights on battering the rest

A STAFFORDSHIRE fish and chip shop hopes to batter the opposition in a national competition.

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Young people are being encouraged to 'Think – Be Aware Who You Scare' and to follow some simple do's and don'ts. These can be found on Cannock Chase Council's website.

Glow in the dark 'No Trick or Treat' cards are available to display in windows if the occupants don't wish to be disturbed. They are available at council offices, police stations, community fire stations, doctor's surgeries and libraries.

Meanwhile, the Cannock district policing team will be running Operation Sparkler until Monday, November 5 carrying out high-visibility patrols in anti-social behavior (ASB) hotspots and responding to reports of ASB.

A Fireworks Hotline has been set up on 01785 277855.

Do not disturb – the message is plain for all to see

Crematorium planned at former opencast site

A PLANNING application has been lodged for a crematorium on the site of the old Bleak House opencast mine site.

Horizon Cremation has lodged the application with Cannock Chase District Council for the site between Heath Hayes and Norton Canes.

The application follows a public consultation in September. Nearly 300 people attended exhibitions of the proposals. Some 91 per cent of respondents said a crematorium was needed in the area.

Stephen Byfield, director of Horizon Cremation, said "We have had an overwhelming reaction from local people.

"Of course, some people have concerns, but the vast majority recognise it's needed and want it built quickly."

Horizon says it is building the crematorium to serve a local need. There are no crematoria within the Cannock Chase Council area.

According to the plans, Cannock Crematorium would be a modest one-storey building taking the space of two and a half tennis courts. It would have a chapel for 90 people and 70 parking spaces. The building is designed to fit into the 12-acre countryside site and would include memorial gardens and contemplation areas.

More details at www.cannockcrematorium.co.uk.

An image of the proposed crematorium at the Bleak House site

13 arrests in drugs operation

TWELVE people were jailed and a further 13 arrested within a week as police cracked down on 'county lines' crimes in Staffordshire.

Two arrests were made in Cannock and Stoke, seven in Burton and one each in Penkridge and Tamworth, and a man and two teenage boys from Birmingham. Cash was seized, as well as quantities of heroin, crack cocaine and cannabis, and weapons including a meat cleaver, were confiscated.

On October 16, 10 men were sentenced to a total of 53 years for their part in a drugs operation supplying cocaine into south Staffordshire. And days later, two teenagers from the Black Country were jailed for a total of 10 years for supplying crack cocaine into the Hednesford area.

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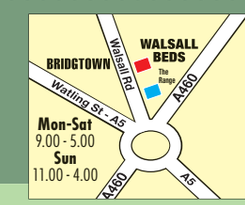

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Paw-fect starter for craft park

A DOG-GROOMING business has taken the lead and moved into the first unit on a craft and enterprise park.

Stinky Paws Pet Parlour is run by Angela Warrington and Clare Pace, who have always dreamed of opening their own groomers since they studied the skill together at Rodbaston College, near Penkridge.

Baggeridge Craft and Enterprise Park is located at Baggeridge Country Park, and has been built by David Wilson Homesin Brick Kiln Way. It contains 12 craft units available for local businesses.

Angela said: "Choosing Baggeridge Craft and Enterprise Park was such an easy choice. The country park is buzzing with activity, especially over the summer holidays with lots of visitors and their dogs.

"The new homes also have lots of potential new customers and with a free car park we're hoping for good footfall."

Angela Warrington and Clare Pace in the dog grooming unit

Odeon cinema starts its search for staff

RECRUITMENT is set to start for the dozens of jobs which will be created with the highly-anticipated opening of the £6.5 million Odeon cinema in Stafford.

The cinema giant has revealed that at least 45 new jobs will be created when it opens its doors in the town before Christmas.

A variety of roles will be available at the 400-seat six-screen venue on the banks of the River Sow.

An Odeon spokesman said: "The opening of the new cinema will see the creation of 45 new jobs in the local area, with places still available across roles including retail and guest experiences."

A recruitment open day will take place at The Bear in Greengate Street on Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

Recruiting – the new Odeon cinema

The cinema jobs have been welcomed as a boost to the town.

Councillor Mike Smith, deputy leader of Stafford Borough Council, said: "This is what we have been striving for since we started with the Riverside development.

"We are making Stafford a growth area which has attracted businesses and therefore jobs. It was a bold step to close the original leisure centre and demolish the old car park, and you do not build these things in five minutes, but it is paying off.

Step

"We are doing very well, especially compared to many other towns.

"The cinema is the next step towards making the county town a destination of choice."

Building started in March, and movie fans have been kept guessing about when the Bridge Street venue, which is part of the £100 million Riverside development, will open.

Station lifts scheme is confirmed

NEW lifts are set to be installed at Lichfield Trent Valley railway station.

Work will begin at the end of next month and will open up access for the disabled to all of the platforms. The lifts, which will also be available to all able-bodied passengers, are set to open by the end of the spring.

The details were confirmed in a response to a Parliamentary question tabled by Lichfield Conservative MP Michael Fabricant, who has campaigned for lifts at the station. Transport Minister Nusrat Ghani confirmed the dates.

She said: "The project will deliver new lifts at platform level at Lichfield Trent Valley to link the West Coast Main Line platforms, platforms one and two, to the Cross City Line platform."

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Chelsea Pensioners pop in to see schoolchildren

A Chelsea Pensioner enjoys a chat with one of the pupils at Maple Hayes Dyslexia school in Lichfield

A GROUP of Chelsea Pensioners have visited school children after they were inspired by a book enjoyed in their English lesson, *writes Andrew Rigby*.

The visit to Maple Hayes Dyslexia school in Lichfield was organised after the pupils read Michael Morpurgo's Billy the Kid during their English lessons. They were so interested they wrote to the Pensioners at their London base. In response, the pensioners decided to make the 135-mile journey to meet the pupils.

Mrs Rhodes, who is the pupils' English teacher at Maple Hayes, said: "Billy the Kid is a story told through the eyes of an 80-year-old Chelsea Pensioner looking back on his life.

"As part of our lessons we looked at the non-fiction side of the story, and the pupils learned all about The Royal Hospital Chelsea and who the Chelsea Pensioners are.

"The children were very excited to know that the Chelsea Pensioners had actually read their letters and wanted to visit.

"Knowing that their words had an impact on such important people is a huge boost for the pupils and hopefully it will encourage them to read and write more."

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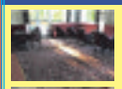
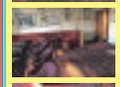

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Veolia's Gemma Parkes cuts the ribbon on the new section of waterfront

Summer

Ian Cooper, Greensforge SC RYA training principal and trustee, said the facilities have already being put to good use throughout the summer.

He said: "Many local people have already enjoyed the benefits of the new frontage. It was put to full use for all our RYA learn to sail coursesand it served us well for various other events we've enjoyed hosting too. Our club sailors have also made good use of the new dinghy mooring facilities.

"We are indebted to the Veolia Environmental Trust. The facilities will see Greensforge through the next 60 years of sailing."

Greensforge SC is a recognised RYA Training Centre, so conforms to high standards of quality and safety. To get involved, visit www.greensforge.org or like Greensforge on Facebook.

Drink-drive officer loses job

A SERVING Staffordshire Police officer has been dismissed without notice after being convicted of driving with excess alcohol.

Pc Zoe Cullen, 45, who was a Hanley officer, was disqualified from driving on August 9 at Derby Magistrates Court. Cullen was convicted after pleading guilty of driving above the prescribed alcohol limit. She was sentenced to 12 months' disqualification and fined £1,100 in costs. She was originally arrested on January 6. At a Special Case Hearing on October 17, in front of the Chief Constable, there was a finding of gross misconduct and she was dismissed with immediate effect.

Ch Con Gareth Morgan said: "Officers and staff are held to a high standard which the public rightfully expect. It is clear this officer has fallen below the standard expected and the circumstances warranted her dismissal with immediate effect."

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£3.5m cash boost to ease NHS winter crisis

STAFFORDSHIRE is set to receive more than £3.5 million in a bid to combat the NHS winter crisis in adult social care.

The Conservative-controlled county council will be given the cash as part of a Government pledge to alleviate pressures on hospitals by getting patients home quicker and freeing up beds.

Council bosses have welcomed the funding – but say it is little more than a 'temporary measure' when a long-term solution is required. The cash-strapped authority is battling to plug a £35m hole in its budget and is set to bump up council tax by three per cent next year.

Councillor Alan White, the council's deputy leader and cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "We welcome the money and it will certainly take some of the pressures off this winter.

Demands

"But this will not solve the problem in the long term. Addressing the funding gap that exists between the demands of social care and the money we have to spend on it is crucial.

"This is a temporary measure. There needs to be a long-term solution."

The extra funding of £3.54m forms part of a £240 million national cash boost announced by Health Secretary Matt Hancock at the Tory Party conference.

Councils have been allocated cash based on the Government's adult social care 'relative needs' formula. Local authorities in the West Midlands will receive a total of £26.8m.

The funding can be used for home care packages, which enable patients to get out of hospital quicker. It can also pay for home adaptations for patients with limited movement, and the provision of support workers to help patients regain mobility and confidence.

Building for the future

Youngsters with site manager Carl Hopkins at the Cross Keys site

SCHOOLCHILDREN donned hard hats and hi-vis jackets to learn how to stay safe on a construction site.

Year Four pupils from Charnwood Primary in Lichfield took a closer look at building work on the city's Scott Place Retirement Living development in Cross Keys.

Under the close supervision of site manager Carl Hopkins, the eight and nine-year-olds' visit was organised by retirement housebuilder McCarthy and Stone as a practical way of reinforcing site safety messages, and to promote all that is positive about the construction and housebuilding industry.

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A BARBER who has catered to the stars has been sharing the tricks of the trade with youngsters. Kem Johnson made a special visit to Walsall College to give hairdressing and barbering students a rare masterclass.

The 34-year-old revealed his tips on how to craft the perfect style before relating his success story. Nichola Arrowsmith, barbering tutor at Walsall College, said: "We aim to give our students as much exposure as possible to the industry, providing them with the skills and knowledge that will help them build a foundation in the career they want to enter. Inviting Kem to hold a masterclass was a way of showing our students where they could go after completing their qualification."

Birmingham-born Kem opened his first salon in Hamstead, Birmingham, after winning over representatives of the Prince's Trust and obtaining a loan. The father-of-one launched his second salon with brother Reuben in Darlaston almost four months ago.

Turnaround in financial fortunes for council

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council is expected to underspend on its its budget by £1.6 million thanks to drastic cuts – after a £3.2m overspend had been forecast.

At the end of June the authority was facing the projected overspend. But by the end of September the dramatic underspend was predicted.

By Megan Archer

The latest performance figures were presented to a cabinet meeting last week.

Adult social care and children's services continue to be two of the major financial pressures and there is currently a projected overspend on special educational needs (SEN) support in schools.

Positive

During the first quarter of the 2018/19 financial year an extra £2.16m from contingency funds was ploughed into the children's services budget to reduce a predicted overspend.

There are currently 1,117 looked-after children in the county, cabinet members heard, and the cost of residential care has gone up by more than 10 per cent in the past two years. Councillor Mike Sutherland, cabinet member for finance, said: "On the face of it, it is a very positive update of our financial performance.

"It is good news, but with a clear health warning that circumstances can and do change quickly.

"We have a £35m shortfall (in 2019/20) and we need to limit non-essential spending. With an ageing population driving up demand for adult social care, more children coming into care and Government spending reductions costs continue to rise.

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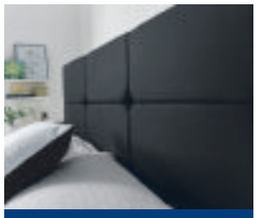

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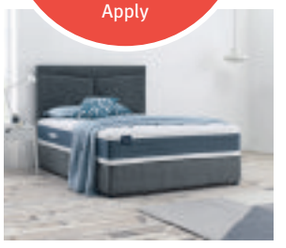

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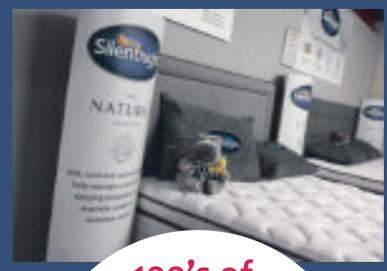

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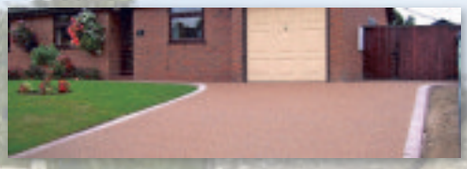

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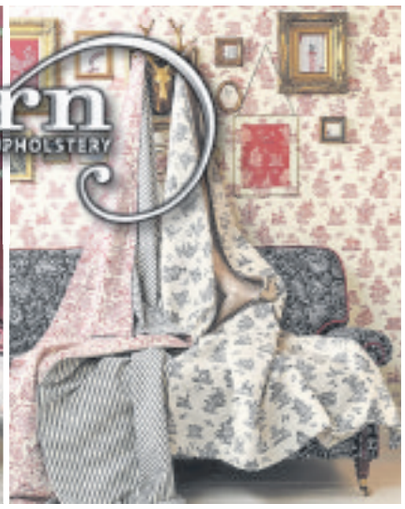

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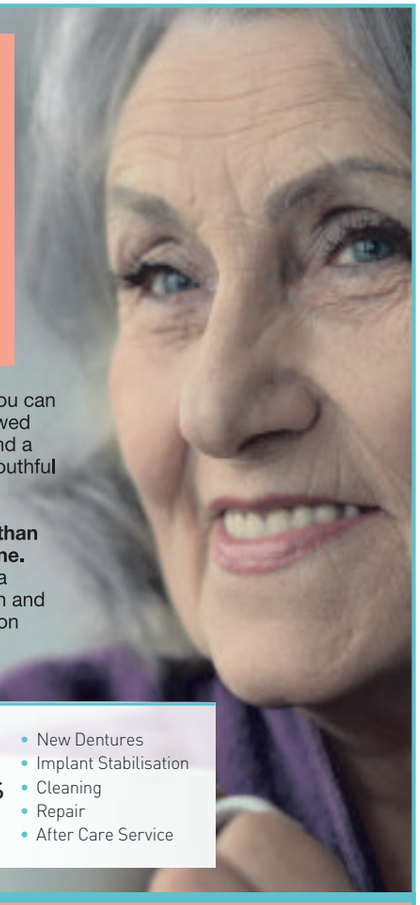

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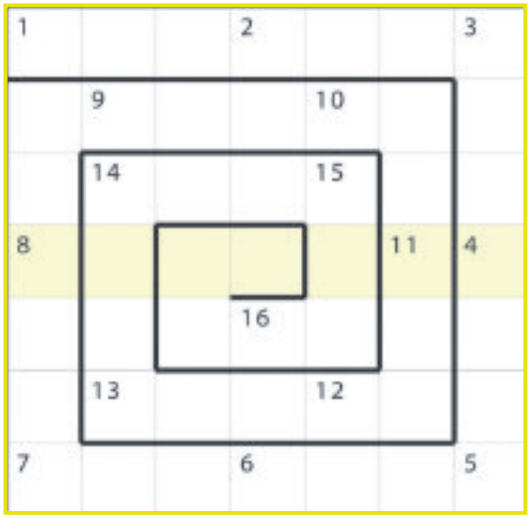
CLUES

1. Talon
2. Compass point
3. Skinny
4. Naked figure
5. Give or send forth
6. Strong taste
7. Medal, slang
8. Acquire
9. No votes
10. House type
11. Lazy
12. Therefore
13. Line in darts
14. Epochs
15. Snow runners
16. Prophet



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Something pickled

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Sebold's tale captured hearts after it was published in 2002. An unforgettable examination of life after loss, it's main protagonist Susie Salmon is a murdered teenager, who watches over her family and friends as they try to put their lives back together. She also watches her killer.

American writer Sebold will be visiting Birmingham for a special 'In Conversation' at The Rep on Thursday, November 1.

Playwright Lavery said: "I've found that the huge story is very, very happy to change its medium and reveal its treasures on The Rep's main stage. I am a most fortunate playwright."

In the 10-strong cast, Susie will be played by Charlotte Beaumont, who played Chloe Latimer in TV series Broadchurch.

Writer Lavery's previous work includes the Tony Award-nominated Frozen, which premiered at The Rep in 1998 and was revived in the West End this year. Director Still's credits include the acclaimed Olivier and Tony Award-nominated production of Coram Boy (National Theatre and Broadway).

For tickets see birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

Mary Stevens Hospice Pantomime Company

Panto fans have a ball

The Mary Stevens Hospice Pantomime Company will be putting on a fundraising performance of Cinderella at Stourbridge Town Hall with guest star Donchez Dacres.

Following the success of their three-show sell-out debut production of The Wizard of Oz at Brierley Hill Civic Hall back in January, the company are bringing all the magic of the classic fairy tale to the stage across five performances between November 28 and 30, with some performances already sold out.

After the widely-acclaimed performance of the X-Factor's Wagner as The Wizard in the previous production, the hospice committed to including a celebrity special guest in the cast once again, this time in the form of Donchez. Fresh from finishing third on Britain's Got Talent this year with his catchy Wiggle and Wine song, Wolverhampton-based Donchez has agreed to support the Stourbridge hospice by performing in all five shows, although details of his role are being kept as a surprise.

The 61-year-old AA man captured the hearts of the nation with his song, which prompted David Walliams to hit the iconic golden buzzer to send him straight through to the semi-final of the nationwide talent competition.

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Little Mix gig tickets go on sale

Pop superstars Little Mix have announced The LM5 Tour, a massive UK arena tour for 2019 and will be coming to the Genting Arena (soon to be Resorts World Arena) at Birmingham's NEC in just over a year's time.

The shows on Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, 2019, will see Little Mix perform songs from their new album LM5, alongside their greatest hits including Touch, Shout Out to My Ex, Black Magic and Wings. Little Mix have firmly established their reputation as one of the most phenomenal live acts around. This summer they toured the UK with the Summer Hits Tour.

Little Mix recently announced that their fifth album, LM5, will be released on November 16. The band have spent the year writing and recording the album with an A-List cast including Ed Sheeran, Jess Glynne, Camille Purcell, MNEK, and Timberland. The girls themselves have described it as 'the album we always wanted to make'. The album's first single Woman Like Me, featuring Nicki Minaj, was released last week. The harmony-led, urban, reggae pop smash immediately hit the top spot on iTunes around the world. Since 2011, Little Mix – Perrie Edwards, Jesy Nelson, Leigh-Anne Pinnock and Jade Thirlwall – have sold more than 45 million records worldwide.

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The Proclaimers

Brothers still Proclaiming, 31 years on from their debut

The Proclaimers are set to fill Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Monday as part of an extensive UK tour.

The singing Scottish siblings released their 11th studio album in the summer, which was followed by a series of sold out shows in their homeland.

Twins Craig and Charlie Reid emerged 31 years ago with their debut album This Is The Story and top three single Letter from America. But the duo from Auchtermuchty are best known for I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles), which after reaching number 11 in the UK chart in 1988 (number 1 in Australia and New Zealand), was re-recorded with Peter Kay to top the chart for Comic Relief in 2007.

They inspired musical, play and film Sunshine on Leith. The musical is rumoured to be heading to London's West End next year.

The new album includes Streets Of Edinburgh, a tribute to the city of their birth, You Make Me Happy plus the political and socially aware Classy and Looted.

Support for The Proclaimers gig in Birmingham comes from Irish singer-songwriter Jack Lukeman.

No Dutch courage needed for Caro at Symphony Hall

She's as polished and classy as it gets.

Following five star reviews and sold out shows, the gorgeous and stylish Caro Emerald is back with a brand new live UK tour for 2018, which includes a concert at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Tuesday.

Since the release of her 2010 multi-platinum debut album Deleted Scenes From The Cutting Room Floor, the Dutch singer and her producers Grandmono have fashioned their own niche, blending retro jazz with sampling and modern pop, starring Caro's smooth vocals. The result is a unique signature sound to go with a glamorous look that suggests a Hollywood icon of yesteryear.

Her second album The Shocking Miss Emerald entered the Official UK Album Chart at No 1 in May 2013, remaining in the chart for an entire year.

"This tour is the best thing ever," she says. "I'm thrilled to be coming back to Birmingham's Symphony Hall. I've been there lots of times so I know the surroundings and the neighbourhood.

"Places like the Symphony Hall and the Royal Albert Hall, which I'm playing for the third time, are out of the ordinary. They are very special.

"The Symphony Hall is a fantastic venue with so much atmosphere and when you play you can feel how special it is. Being there helps to lift my performance."

Caro Emerald – unique

It's been a loff but now I'm off, says Doreen

COMEDY queen of the Black Country Doreen Tipton has said that her latest live tour will be her last and she is promising 'to go out with a bang'.

The feckless, deadpan character, played by actress Gill Jordan, will bid farewell after her Doreen's Big Top tour which calls at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre next Friday, November 2.

The self-professed 'lazy cow', created by Gill and writer David Tristram, has hinted at a mysterious new venture, so maybe we haven't seen the last of her.

"This will be our sixth live show, and we've had a wonderful time doing them," says Gill "But planning for the live tours starts virtually a year before with the writing process, preparing videos, theming, booking venues, marketing, rehearsing and so on. By the time you finally complete the tour itself you then have to start planning the following year's tour almost immediately. This leaves no time for exploring other projects, new avenues, as you get trapped in a cycle of writing, planning, rehearsing, touring, then writing again. We think the time is right to break the mould and try something different."

Black Eyed Peas to celebrate anniversary

The Black Eyed Peas are back – will.i.am, apl.de.ap and Taboo will line up at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Monday as part of their first headline tour in eight years.

The Black Eyed Peas formed in 1992 in Los Angeles though their roots go back to 1988, when eighth-graders William Adams (will.i.am) and Allan Pineda (apl.de.ap) began rapping and performing together around LA. Later they were joined by Jaime Luis Gomez (Taboo) and singer Fergie, who left the Peas for a solo career.

They enjoyed hits with Where Is The Love?, Shut Up, Don't Phunk with My Heart, Don't Lie, My Humps, and Pump It, among others. The hip hop/pop group have released seven chart-topping studio albums. Meanwhile, will.i.am has won a whole new group of fans as the most enigmatic and humorous of the judges and mentors on TV talent show The Voice.

Fans can look forward to a greatest hits selection. The group has also premiered an explosive new single and video entitled Get It which looks at social issues such as police brutality and immigration.

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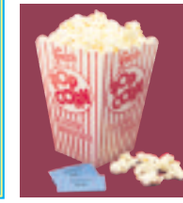
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SATURDAY'S TV OCTOBER 27

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Claudia Winkleman

Strictly Come Dancing - Halloween Special (BBC1, 6.50pm)

For Movie Week, the unsung heroes of Strictly's hair, make-up and wardrobe departments managed to transform Stacey Dooley and Kevin Clifton into a pair of jiving, bright yellow minions and got Graeme Swann to do the Charleston dressed as Spider-Man. So just imagine what they are planning for this year's Halloween special... As ever, Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman will be introducing the couples, while Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell, Craig Revel Horwood and Bruno Tonioli will be deciding which dances were a treat, and who should have added a few more tricks to their repertoire.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Classic Mary Berry. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Invictus Games 2018. **2.00** Live International Rugby League. England v New Zealand (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Invictus Games 2018.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a sci-fi edition of the general knowledge quiz. The teams playing for charity are classic Doctor Who stars Peter Davison and Katy Manning, Blake's 7's Paul Darrow and Michael Keating, Red Dwarf's Hattie Hayridge and Harry Potter's Jessie Cave, and Star Wars actors Kiran Shah and Jimmy Vee.

6.50 Strictly Come Dancing – Halloween Special. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host a spooky episode of the dance contest, with the remaining 11 pairs competing to impress judges Shirley Ballas, Dame Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood and the viewers with their talents.

8.35 Casualty. Base works for Ross in his meth lab to pay off his debts. He collects 16-year-old Harry to work with them, and watches on as Ross physically asserts his authority over the teenager. Duffy wakes up in a hotel room having slept with Bill. Full of guilt, she sends him away and gets ready to leave. On her way out, she hears a call for help and reluctantly treats Naima, who was found passed out in the hotel swimming pool.

9.25 Killing Eve. Carolyn brings unwelcome news and a change of priorities, but Eve is closer than she has ever been to Villanelle, and is finally going to meet Anna.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Cardiff City at Anfield and Leicester City v West Ham United at the King Power Stadium.

11.50 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Houston Texans v Miami Dolphins.

12.20 Film: The Borderlands. (2013)

1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead.

1.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Top Class. (R) **7.15** All Over the Place: Europe. **7.45** Wild & Weird. **8.00** Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) **8.30** Got What It Takes? **9.00** Elephant Diaries. (R) **9.30** Elephant Diaries. (R) **10.00** Natural World: Saving Luna. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. (R) **1.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. (R) **4.00** Saving Lives at Sea. (R) **5.00** Letterbox. **5.30** A House Through Time.

6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring finds a German pilot trapped on top of the town clock by his parachute, so the platoon attempts a rescue mission. (R)

7.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. Simon travels through Libya, visiting areas of the country devastated by recent fighting as well as one of the world's best preserved ancient Roman cities. He moves on to Tunisia, where he discovers a mountain fortress and meets a man keeping ancient Berber traditions alive, including making olive oil with the help of camels. Finally, he crosses the sea to Sicily, and discovers how the Mafia are attempting to take advantage of declining population numbers. (R)

8.00 Elizabeth I's Secret Agents. The Earl of Essex tries to take over Robert Cecil's spy network to gain control over the ageing Elizabeth I and hold the power to choose the next King of England. (R)

9.00 Black Hollywood: "They've Gotta Have Us". A look at the future facing black film-makers, examining the impact of high-profile successes such as Black Panther and the Oscar-winning Moonlight and Get Out. Last in the series.

10.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig and Alan Davies are joined in this extended edition by Jimmy Carr, Gyles Brandreth and Sally Phillips, who answer questions on the subject of piecemeal.

10.45 Snowfall. Franklin realises it's time to step his whole operation up a gear.

11.30 Later Weekend with Jools Holland. The pianist welcomes artists including New York rockers Interpol, Bugzy Malone, Rag'n'Bone Man, Fantastic Negrito and Another Sky.

12.35 Film: Cosmopolis. (2012) **1.15** (GMT) Trust. (R) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: ToonMarty. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Robozuna. **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.40** Countrywise. (R) **12.05** ITV News: Weather. **12.15** Midsomer Murders. (R) **2.10** The X Factor. (R) **3.15** Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. **5.00** The Chase. (R) **5.55** ITV News; Weather.

6.10 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.20 Film: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2. (2011) The teenage wizard continues his search for the artefacts containing fragments of the dark lord Voldemort's soul. Time is running out, as the evil sorcerer is aware of Harry's mission, and marshals his forces for a final, devastating attack on Harry and his friends at Hogwarts school. Conclusion of the fantasy saga, with Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson and Alan Rickman.

8.35 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the second week of live shows, with the remaining acts performing to impress judges Simon Cowell, Louis Tomlinson, Robbie Williams and Ayda Williams – as well as the viewing public at home. This year, Simon will be coaching the Girls, Louis has the Boys, Robbie will take on the Groups and Ayda has the Overs.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined on the sofa by guests Brendan O'Carroll, the man behind Mrs Brown, Emma Willis and Chabuddy G, while Boyzone perform live and discuss their farewell tour.

11.40 ITV News; Weather.

12.00 Play to the Whistle. With Jonathan Ross, Chris Kamara and Jack P Shepherd. (R) **12.45** Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** (GMT) Long Lost Family. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.50 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Film: Transformers: Dark of the Moon. (2011) The heroic autobots discover that a spaceship from their own planet crashed into the moon decades ago, carrying their former leader and an incredibly powerful device. They must fight to defend the human race as their enemies the decepticons plot to use this machine to rebuild their own world and destroy the Earth. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley. Edited for language and violence.

10.00 Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position at the 19th round of the season, which took place at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City.

11.35 Film: The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones. (2013) A teenager discovers she is part of a race of magical beings tasked with defending the world from demons. Fantasy adventure, with Lily Collins and Jamie Campbell Bower.

1.45 Experimental. Tim builds a vacuum-powered climbing kit. Last in the series. (R) **1.40** (GMT) Hollyoaks. Omnibus. The day of Ste and Harry's wedding arrives, and Lily enlists Prince and Zack to help with the decorations. Meanwhile, James uses Romeo to help him expose his affair. (R) **3.45** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. Kirstie Allsopp joins a Women's Institute group. (R) **4.00** French Collection. Three collectors upcycle goods from a Toulouse market. (R) **4.55** Building the Dream. A couple pursues their dream of living mortgage-free. Last in the series. (R) **5.50** The King of Queens. Doug worries he might be losing touch with Carrie. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.50** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos. (R) **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00 Film:** Free Willy. (1993) Family drama, starring Jason James Richter. **3.00** Access. **3.05 Film:** Free Willy. (1993) Concluded. **4.20** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.20** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R)

6.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Two enforcement agents make a shocking discovery in a child's bedroom during an eviction, and a debtor gets physical when he is visited over wages owed to a freelancer. (R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! High Court enforcement officers Paul, Steve and Ben make a shocking discovery when they break into a home while serving an eviction notice on a single mother and her two children. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! High Court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve and Ben Pinner face their biggest eviction yet, as they take on squatters in a large London office block. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Fury vs Pulev: Live Boxing. Hughie Fury v Kubrat Pulev. Coverage of the heavyweight bout, which takes place at Arena Armeec in Sofia, Bulgaria. Britain's Fury – the cousin of former world heavyweight champion Tyson – lost his only world title contest in September last year to then-WBO champion Joseph Parker, but bounced back from that loss in May, defeating Sam Sexton to win the British title. Home fighter Pulev also has one loss on his record, a knockout defeat to Wladimir Klitschko in 2014, but is undefeated in five contests since then.

10.30 Film: Carrie. (2013) A teenage girl finally snaps and uses her psychic powers to avenge herself on the bullies who tormented her. Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Julianne Moore.

11.30 Access. Showbiz news.

11.35 Film: Carrie. (2013) Concluded.

12.25 Film: Silent Hill: Revelation. (2012) **1.00** (GMT) SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Natural World Special: My Life as a Turkey **8.00** Life Story **9.00** 54 Hours: The Gladbeck Hostage Crisis **10.30** There She Goes **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.00** Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned **1.00** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **1.00** (GMT) Knights of Classic Drama at the BBC **2.00** Natural World Special: My Life as a Turkey

ITV2

12.05 You've Been Framed! Gold **12.35 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **1.40** FYI Daily **1.45 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **2.50 Film:** Beethoven (1992) **4.35 Film:** Casper (1995)**6.40 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **10.35** Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special **11.20** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.40** Don't Hate the Playaz **1.45** (GMT) Release the Hounds **2.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.00** Teleshopping **4.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.50 Film: Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide (2003) **2.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.00** Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Inspector Morse **1.25** A Touch of Frost **2.10** (GMT) ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.20 The Big Fish Off **12.25** The Motorbike Show **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Cheltenham, **4.20** World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina **4.40** Pawn Stars **5.10 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **7.00** Darts: European Championship Live. Coverage of day three of the event from Dortmund, Germany. **11.00 Film:** Pale Rider (1985) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Pale Rider (1985) **1.20** The Americans **1.25** (GMT) Minder **2.20** The Protectors **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.00 Film: Father of the Bride (1991) **3.05** The Great British Bake Off **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Fast & Furious 6 (2013) **11.35** Gogglebox **1.40** Celebs Go Dating **1.45** (GMT) Celebs Go Dating **2.35** Celebs Go Dating

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11.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) **12.50** Dr Dolittle (1998) **2.20** Flash Gordon (1980) **4.30** Bohemian Rhapsody Interview Special **4.40** Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) **6.35** The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2015) **9.00** World War Z (2013) **11.15** The Other Side of the Door (2016) **1.10** Inferno (1980) **2.40** (GMT) Close

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Inside No 9 Live (BBC2, 10pm)

Over the years this series has given us some of the most chilling, clever and downright bizarre half-hour stories any fan of spooky tales could wish for. And now Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith have penned Dead Line, a live show which, if we're lucky, will prove as captivating as that other live Hallowe'en classic, Ghostwatch from 1992. It centres on Arthur Flitwick (Pemberton) who finds an old mobile phone in his local graveyard. It seems like a good idea to try and contact the owner, but as the spookiest time of the year draws near, Arthur is soon immersed in a nightmare of his own making. Apparently no good deed can go unpunished, in this world or the next.

BBC1

6.00 (GMT) Breakfast. **8.40** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Points of View. **2.15** Songs of Praise. **2.50 Film:** Oz the Great and Powerful, (2013) Fantasy adventure, starring James Franco. **4.55** Scared Shrekless. (R) **5.15** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children in Need.

7.00 Doctor Who. The Doctor brings her friends back home to 21st-century Sheffield, only to discover there is something strange going on involving all the city's spiders. Chris Noth guest stars.

7.50 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of the Halloween special, as two more couples compete in a dance-off. Featuring a special musical performance by Rita Ora.

8.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville invests in a giant balloon for advertising purposes, and has to come up with the best sales pitch he can muster to persuade his customers to buy tins of smoked oysters.

9.00 The Little Drummer Girl. New series. Spy drama set in the 1970s, following the aftermath of a bombing in East Germany. An Israeli intelligence operative investigates, and discovers a connection to a series of assassination attempts against prominent Jewish figures around the world. In London, a struggling actress accepts the offer of a holiday in Greece, leading her to a whirlwind romance that draws her into the agent's operation.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. A review of the day's Premier League action, featuring Burnley v Chelsea at Turf Moor, Crystal Palace v Arsenal at Selhurst Park and Manchester United v Everton at Old Trafford.

11.30 The Women's Football Show. Highlights of the weekend's games in the Super League, and a look at the biggest issues in the women's game.

12.05 The Apprentice. (R) **1.05** The Apprentice: You're Fired. (R) **1.35** Weather. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 (GMT) Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.20** Carol Klein's Plant Odysseys. (R) **7.50** The Instant Gardener. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **12.30** Sweets Made Simple. (R) **1.00** NFL Live. Jacksonville Jaguars v Philadelphia Eagles (Kick-off 1.30pm). **5.00** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Letterbox.

6.00 Britain's Classroom Heroes 2018. Anita Rani and Sean Fletcher host the annual Pearson Teaching Awards celebrating outstanding teachers from all over the UK, shining a spotlight on the work they do every day to make a difference to children's lives. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the awards, with the introduction of a new category for School of the Year. With celebrity guests on hand to present the accolades, and an exclusive performance from the cast of the popular West End show Everybody's Talking About Jamie, this promises to be a special evening of celebration.

7.00 Nature's Wildest Weapons: Horns, Tusks and Antlers: Natural World. Professor Doug Emlen examines how animals use their bodies as weapons, from elephants to rhinoceros beetles. (R)

8.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. The final leg of the journey takes in Morocco, where Simon visits a land border between Africa and the European Union, before moving on to Spain and Corsica. Last in the series.

9.00 Last Chance Lawyer New York City. Howard takes on a major murder trial, and tries to prove the defendant's claim that he was protecting a woman who was being stalked by the man he killed. Last in the series.

10.00 Inside No 9 Live. A special live episode for Halloween, in which a man finds a mobile phone in a graveyard and tries to return it to its owner, only to be drawn into a nightmare of his own making.

10.30 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)

11.00 Film: The Ring. (2002) Horror remake, with Naomi Watts.

12.45 Sign Zone: Question Time. **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 (GMT) CITV: (GMT) Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Robozuna. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Bagel and Becky Show. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **10.25** Emmerdale 1918. (R) **10.55** Martin Lewis: 10 Things Your Kids Need to Know. (R) **11.55** The Big Audition. (R) **12.50** ITV News. **1.00** The X Factor. (R) **3.00** Back to Mine. **3.30** Tenable. (R) **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R)

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Dani Harmer, Eddie Hall, Chemmy Alcott and Alex Horne pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

8.00 The X Factor. Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to win a recording contract.

9.00 Butterfly. Vicky forges Stephen's signature to obtain consent for Maxine's treatment, but he has already reported her to the police and she is arrested on her return home. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine. First in a two-part documentary in which chef Gordon Ramsay investigates the cocaine trade, seeing how the drug is made and witnessing the arrest of couriers on their way to a deal. (R)

11.20 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Road Trip. The trio tour Gordon Ramsay's birthplace of Scotland, searching for ingredients for a grand feast, while also finding time to take part in the Highland Games. (R)

12.15 Strangers. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 (GMT) The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Jamie Cooks Italy. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30 Film:** Tooth Fairy, (2010) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. **3.35** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.55 Film:** The Aristocats. (1970) Animated Disney adventure, with the voice of Eva Gabor.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Phil Spencer's Stately Homes. Phil is invited by Lord David Cholmondeley to visit Houghton Hall in Norfolk, built for Britain's first prime minister Robert Walpole, and attempts to discover how much it cost. He also discovers the story of a disreputable member of the Walpole family who sold the art collection and even the front steps of the house to pay his gambling debts. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the waterways of North-West England, from the suburbs of Manchester, through Britain's first purpose-built canal, to the port at Ellesmere. They discover how canals played a vital role in transforming Britain during the Industrial Revolution, and have subsequently become a central point of Manchester's gay community.

9.00 Film: Deepwater Horizon. (2016) Premiere. An oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico is beset by technical difficulties – but executives from the company behind the project ignore the warning signs and demand work proceeds as normal, despite warnings from key engineers on site. The situation rapidly gets out of control, leading to the worst environmental disaster in US history. Drama, starring Mark Wahlberg.

11.00 Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the 19th round of the season, which took place at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City.

1.15 Film: Little Men. (2016) **2.45** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) **3.40** Building the Dream. (R) **4.35** French Collection. (R) **5.25** Buy It Now. (R) **5.50** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 (GMT) Milkshake!: (GMT) Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Rusty Rivets. **7.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **8.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. (R) **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.35** Floogals. (R) **9.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **10.45** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.10** Friends. (R) **11.40** Friends. (R) **12.10** Friends. (R) **12.40** Friends. (R) **1.10** Friends. (R) **1.40** Friends. (R) **2.05** Friends. (R) **2.35** Friends. (R) **3.05** Friends. (R) **3.35** Friends. (R) **4.05 Film:** Goosebumps. (2015) **5.05** 5 News Update. **5.10 Film:** Goosebumps. (2015) Concluded.

6.10 The Lion Cub from Harrods. Documentary telling the story of two Australian furniture salesmen who bought a lion cub from Harrods in 1969 and raised it themselves. (R)

7.00 Inside Harrods: The World's Most Famous Department Store. Documentary going behind the famous gold-and-green facade of the retailer, to explore the store's million square feet of shopping space, as well as the secrets of its success.

8.00 Ice Road Truckers. Art Burke hits a melting ice crossing and a load that is right at the weight limit. Steph Custance finds out whether she will be joining the Polar team.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Hitler's Holocaust Railways with Chris Tarrant. Chris Tarrant explores the use of trains in transporting millions of prisoners to ghettos and death camps during the Holocaust. Featuring contributions from survivors.

10.30 Big Brother.

12.00 When Kids Kill: Beaten for Being Different. The heartbreaking story of a young couple who were attacked for how they looked. (R) **12.45** Helicopter Pursuits: Caught on Camera. A compilation of police helicopter chases. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** What I Did for Love. (2006) **4.40** Access. **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 (GMT) Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways **8.00** The Ghan: Australia's Greatest Train Journey **11.00** I Was a Yazidi Slave **12.00** Art of France **1.00** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel **2.00** Timeshift: The Modern Age of The Coach **3.00** The Culture Show: Lego – The Building Blocks of Architecture **3.30** Close

ITV2

12.30 Celebrity Catchphrase **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35 Film:** Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40 Film:** Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **4.25** The Smurfs: The Legend of Smurfy Hollow **4.55 Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015) **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05 Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015) **6.45 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.20** The Weekender: Boat Party **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.15 Bertie and Elizabeth **1.20** Agatha Christie's Poirot **3.20 Film:** Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match (1973) **5.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.25 Film:** Chocolat (2000) **1.40** Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans **2.35** Murder, She Wrote **3.30** Road to Avonlea **5.10** Judge Judy **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.20 Pawn Stars **12.45** Darts: European Championship Live. Coverage of day four of the event from Dortmund, Germany. **5.00** Pawn Stars **5.55** Made in Britain **7.00** Darts: European Championship Live. The semi-finals and final on day four of the event from Dortmund, Germany. **11.00 Film:** Saw (2004) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Saw (2004) **1.05** The Avengers **2.15** Pawn Stars **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.35 Happy Together **1.05** New Girl **1.35** The Big Bang Theory **7.00 Film:** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Club Rep Wars **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** First Dates **1.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.15** Club Rep Wars **3.05** Rude Tube **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 (GMT) Carry On Regardless (1961) **12.50** Starman (1984) **3.05** Titanic (1997) **6.55** The Princess Bride (1987) **9.00** Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015) **11.40** The Taking of Deborah Logan (2014) **1.30** The Piper (2015) **3.45** Close

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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 J	2 K	3 H	4 U	5 I	6 N	7 D	8 O	9 P	10 L	11 S	12 Q	13 Y	
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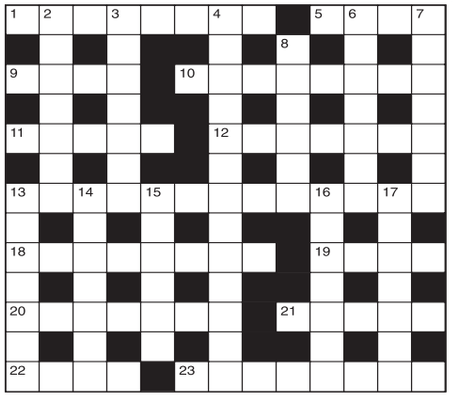
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. One abandoned by players on opponent's ground (8)
5. Copied some cheap editions (4)
9. Store between 180 and 270 degrees (4)
10. Conscientious objections (8)
11. This Jack has three crosses to bear (5)
12. Hide in N. Africa (7)
13. Show off? (2,11)
18. He sees to a minor charge (8)
19. Sweet and sour (4)
20. Ends an interim arrangement (7)
21. Present part of 10 Down (5)
22. A vessel we turn and turn about (4)
23. Shame! (8)

Down

2. A new notion for the Merchant of Venice (7)
3. Drawing line (3-4)
4. Taking in, being obliging (13)
6. It has a large bill in place perhaps (7)
7. Arrange to order (7)
8. Business may be started with it (6)
13. Garment shortened – after dark that is (7)
14. It was plain to early American settlers (7)
15. Tree used in sacred fires (3,3)
16. Not many can provide a word of opposite meaning (7)
17. It's funny, there's nothing in the box (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Assessment (8)
5. Fish-pond (4)
9. Replete (4)
10. Reasoning (8)
11. Railing (5)
12. Finger protector (7)
13. Somersaulting (4,4,5)
18. Pastoral (8)
19. Apiece (4)
20. Opening (7)
21. Scatter (5)
22. Band (4)
23. Candidate (8)

Down

2. Trip (7)
3. Maltreated (3-4)
4. Reverse fortunes (4,3,6)
6. Quake (7)
7. Testimony (7)
8. Stubborn (6)
13. Trial (7)
14. Sale (7)
15. Decree (6)
16. Voter (7)
17. Reading desk (7)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC – Across: 1 Air-hostess; 7 Owing; 8 Aligned; 10 Enshroud; 11 Stet; 13 Shriek; 15 Gnomon; 17 Dock; 18 Mail-boat; 21 Saviour; 22 Set-to; 23 Grass widow. Down: 1 Aries; 2 Regarded; 3 Opaque; 4 Twin; 5 Sanctum; 6 Sobersides; 9 Detonation; 12 Analysed; 14 Recover; 16 Marrow; 19 On tow; 20 Bows.
QUICK – Across: 1 Pleasantry; 7 Blush; 8 Nonplus; 10 Reserved; 11 Mete; 13 Verbal; 15 Surest; 17 Arch; 18 Preserve; 21 Erudite; 22 Infer; 23 Pestilence. Down: 1 Pours; 2 Ethereal; 3 Sinner; 4 None; 5 Relieve; 6 Abbreviate; 9 Sweetheart; 12 Question; 14 Recluse; 16 Ordeal; 19 Rifle; 20 List.

Quiz

1. Which cartoonist and illustrator created the schoolgirls of St. Trinian's?
2. Which king's eldest son was the Black Prince?
3. What is the capital of the Lorraine region?
4. Of which bird is the tragopan a type?
5. Which band's drummer did Baywatch star Pamela Anderson marry and divorce?
6. What, in economics, may be fixed or circulating?
7. On the southern flank of which mountain is Delphi?
8. Which boxer underwent surgery to remove a blood clot after his fight with Nigel Benn?
9. Of what are bort, balas and carbonado varieties?
10. Where did Billy Butlin open his first camp?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Echo; 2 Iceland; 3 Spanish dance; 4 Parish; 5 Oscar Wilde; 6 Philo Remington; 7 Lioness; 8 Lake Michigan; 9 Story of Esther; 10 Travis.

Niner: ROYALTIES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

7988 gives a Scottish inventor,
7612 gives a second Scottish inventor,
34519 gives a French-Polish scientist.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Spacious detached bungalow with two double bedrooms

A spacious two double-bedroomed detached bungalow, 16 Cromwell Road, Cannock, is for sale through Flint & Co estate agents at £235,000 with no chain.

It is ideally located in the popular residential area of Heath Hayes close to shops, amenities and public transport routes.

The property must be viewed to fully appreciate its accommodation and good sized garden.

In brief the accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, lounge, two double bedrooms, a kitchen/diner, shower room with an enclosed rear garden and a garage.

In more detail the entrance hallway is approached via a double glazed entrance door.

The lounge has a feature wooden fireplace, a gas fire and a double gazed bow window to the front.

The kitchen/diner has a range of wall mounted and base units with roll top work surfaces over, plumbing for a washing machine, space for a fridge freezer, a gas hob and oven with an extractor hood over, partial wall tiling and a double glazed window and door to the rear.

The master bedroom has a double glazed box window to the front.

Bedroom two has a double glazed window to the rear.

The shower room has a suite comprising of a low level WC, a vanity wash hand basin, a shower cubicle, tiled walls and a double glazed obscure window to the rear.

Outside, to the front of the property there is a lawned area and a pathway leading to the entrance door. There is also a good sized rear garden, which is mainly laid to lawn.

The garage has an up and over door and a side door access from the garden.

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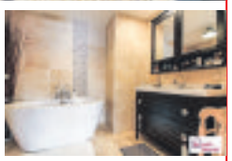


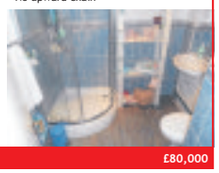
School Lane, Shareshill,

- Three bedrooms
- Bungalow
- Stunning presentation throughout
- En suites to all bedrooms
- Garage
- Sought after village location
- Close to local primary school
- Post office and church within walking distance
- Large rear garden

£350,000

Apple Walk, Cannock,

- Large layout
- Secluded set of apartment blocks
- Allocated parking
- Ideal investment or first time purchase
- No upward chain



£80,000

Fern Drive, Great Wyrley,

- Detached home
- Large conservatory
- Five bedrooms
- Garage
- Utility room
- Downstairs WC

£330,000

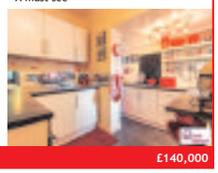
Greenwood Park, Hednesford,

- Views over Cannock Chase
- Conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Popular residential area
- Well presented
- Low maintenance rear garden

£155,000

Huntington Terrace Road, Can-

- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Large enclosed rear garden
- Well presented
- Generous room sizes
- A must see



£140,000

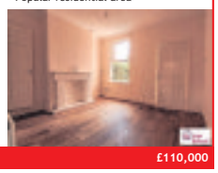
Capercaillie Drive, Cannock,

- Two double bedrooms
- En suite to master
- Spacious layout
- Allocated parking
- Popular location
- A must see

£115,000

Hednesford Road, Cannock,

- Terrace property
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Popular residential area



£110,000

Sweetbriar Way, Cannock,

- Popular location
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Garage
- Allocated parking
- A must see

£165,000

Railway View, Cannock,

- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- No upward chain
- Modern building
- Good investment or first time buy
- A real must see

£105,000

Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock,

- Four bedrooms
- Immensely popular location
- Three bathrooms
- Close to local amenities and schools
- Good transport links
- Large garden

£265,000

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock,

- Three bedrooms
- Unique rear garden
- Well presented
- Close to local shops and amenities
- Within walking distance of town centre

£135,000

Cannock Road, Featherstone,

- Three bedrooms
- Garage
- Ideal access into Cannock
- Close to M54 and M6
- Local amenities within walking distance

£140,000

Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley,

- Three bedrooms
- Large garden
- Corner plot
- Large conservatory
- Popular location
- Well presented throughout

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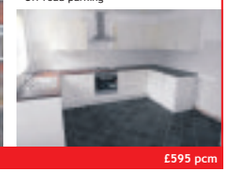
Heath Street, Hednesford,
- Two bedrooms
- Rear garden
- Popular location
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Reasonably sized living space
- A must see

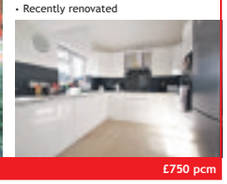
£450 pcm

Hampton Street, Cannock,
- Three bedrooms
- Utility with guest WC
- Semi detached
- Modern kitchen
- Front and rear garden
- Off road parking



£595 pcm

Pinfold Lane, Cheslyn Hay,
- Three bedrooms
- Immaculately presented
- Large, low maintenance rear garden
- Popular area
- Sun room
- Recently renovated



£750 pcm

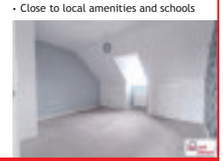
Heath Street, Cannock,
- Three bedrooms
- Deceptively spacious
- Garage
- Dining room and breakfast kitchen
- Popular location
- Garden to rear

£575 pcm

Victoria Street, Cannock,
- Spacious one bedroom flat
- Off road parking
- Fitted kitchen
- Fitted bathroom
- Popular area
- Close to local amenities

£425 pcm

Forge Terrace, Churchbridge,
- Three bedrooms
- Town house
- Three floors
- Sought after location
- Kitchen
- Close to local amenities and schools



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Rembrandt Close, Cannock,
- Three bedrooms
- Cul de sac location
- Family home
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Newly laid garden
- Partially furnished

£625 pcm

Wootons Court, Cannock,
- One bedroom
- Lounge
- Communal hallway
- Kitchen
- Fitted bathroom
- Allocated parking

£400 pcm

Peregrine Way, Heath Hayes,
- Two bedrooms
- Modern
- Terrace property
- Close to local amenities
- Ideal starter home
- Shops close by

£600 pcm

Cannock Road, Cannock,
- Maisonette
- Three bedrooms
- Above local amenities
- Close to local transport links
- Ready to move in
- Communal off road parking

£500 pcm

Uxbridge Street, Hednesford,
- Two bedrooms
- Close to shops
- Ground floor
- Allocated parking
- Communal gardens
- Close to local amenities

£450 pcm

Hunter Road, Cannock,
- Semi detached
- Plentiful living space
- Three bedrooms
- Brick built shed to rear
- Family home
- Popular location

£750 pcm

Moore Street, Hednesford,
- Three bedrooms
- Large garden
- Semi detached
- Garage
- Well presented
- Popular residential area

£650 pcm

Ashdale Close, Cannock,
- Entrance hall
- Conservatory
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Front and rear garden

£575 pcm

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NORTON CANES
RED LION LANE

- A three bedroom property
- Double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Block paved driveway
- EPC rating B

£134,950

HEDNESFORD
WOODLAND CLOSE

- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Garden and driveway
- Ideal first time buy
- Awaiting EPC rating

£149,950

CANNOCK
VICTORIA STREET

- A two bedroom property
- Additional loft room
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, conservatory
- Guest cloakroom
- Refitted family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- EPC rating D

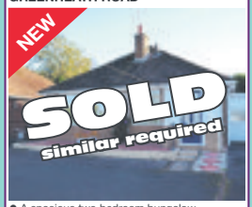
£156,000

HEATH HAYES
STAFFORD STREET

- A much improved three bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge/diner,
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Awaiting EPC rating

£149,000 offers in excess of

HEDNESFORD
GREENHEATH ROAD



- A spacious two bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Rear garden
- Driveway
- Garage
- EPC rating D

£179,950

HEDNESFORD
VIEW STREET

- A two bedroom detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and d oubel glazing
- Lounge, dining area, kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom and shower room
- Conservatory
- Rear garden, driveway
- Garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£195,000

HEATH HAYES
DENBURY CLOSE

- A three bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£190,000

HEDNESFORD
HILL STREET

- A spacious three bedroom bungalow
- Lounge, sitting room, kitchen/diner
- Utility room
- Shower room
- Dressing room/wash room
- Garden to rear
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£240,000

CANNOCK
HATHERTON ROAD

- Traditional Two bedroom
- Two reception rooms
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Enclosed Garden
- Driveway
- Two double bedrooms
- Sought after location
- EPC rating E

£169,950

HEATH HAYES
HIGHFIELDS ROAD

- A traditional two bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating D

£135,000

SHOAL HILL
DORCHESTER ROAD

- A spacious 2/3 bedroom detached
- Lounge/diner, conservatory
- Sitting room/bar area
- Study, kitchen,utility,guest cloakroom
- MAster bedroom with ensuite
- Family bathroom, Lft
- Gardens front, side and rear
- Double garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£390,000 Offers in the region

HEATH HAYES
CROMWELL ROAD

- A two bedroom detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Garage
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£235,000

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comprises a sitting room/potential bedroom, a shower room and a bedroom with a walk-in wardrobe.

There are also delightful gardens, a detached garage and ample off-road parking.

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An inner hall leads to bedroom one and two and the bathroom. Bedroom one has fitted wardrobes, as does bedroom two.

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117 Moss Road, Chadsmoor, Cannock	11:30am	11:30am
118 Moss Road, Chadsmoor, Cannock	11:30am	11:30am
Residential Development Site, Rear of 117-118 Moss Road, Cannock.	11:30am	11:30am
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LOT 1

9 LINDON DRIVE, BROWNHILLS, WS8 6DD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- In need of refurbishment
- Located in popular position
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating D (58)

GUIDE PRICE £65,000+

LOT 2

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4JP
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- EPC rating C (74)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000+

LOT 3

117 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Attractive three bedroomed detached house
- Located in popular residential area
- Requiring some modernisation
- Benefiting from gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (43)

GUIDE PRICE £110,000+

LOT 4

118 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Attractive double fronted 4 bedroom detached house
- In popular residential area
- Requiring some modernisation
- EPC rating E (52)

GUIDE PRICE £150,000+

LOT 5

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE REAR OF 117-118 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Good sized development site
- Outline PP for the erection of 4No. one bedroom apartments together with off road parking, cycling/bin store and amenity space
- Outline PP was granted for the development by Cannock Chase District Council under ref: CH/17/391 ON 22nd December 2017
- Floor areas:
- Flats 1 and 3 - 41.06m²
- Flats 2 and 4 - 37.31m²

+GUIDE PRCE £80,000+

LOT 6

12 CENTRAL AVENUE, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 5JW
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Standing on larger corner plot
- Gas central heating
- Producing £6,760 P.A
- EPC rating tbc

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

163 - 165 HIGH STREET, CHASETOWN, BURNTWOOD, WS7 3XL
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

LOT 7

- Detached property arranged as four self contained flats
- Popular residential area
- Ground and first floor store rooms could be incorporated into current units to provide additional bedroom accommodation giving potential for further rental growth
- Producing £19,260 P.A
- EPCS ratings:
- Flat 163 - C (71)
- Flat 163a - C (71)
- Flat 165 - E (46)
- Flat 165a - C (70)

GUIDE PRICE £180,000 - £200,000

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HOG HALL, POTTAL POOL ROAD, PENKRIDGE

SUPERB SPACIOUS BARN CONVERSION WITH FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS
Located In Semi Rural Position Yet Conveient for Local Facilities

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Utility room & cloakroom with WC
- Family room
- Three ground floor double bedrooms
- First floor double bedroom
- Family bathroom & wet room
- LPG central heating & fully double glazed
- Extensive off road parking & gardens
- EPC rating E (39)

£499,950

3 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE, ST19 5RQ

Spacious One Bedroom Barn Conversion Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted Kitchen With Breakfast Area
- Lounge
- Inner Hall
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully Double Glazed
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Communal Gardens and Parking
- EPC Rating C (75)
- Sorry No Pets, Smokers or DSS

£495.00 pcm

45 ALBERT STREET, BROOMHILL, CANNOCK

REFURBISHED SEMI DETACHED COTTAGE FULL OF CHARM Located Convenient For Local Facilities

- Enclosed porch
- Two sitting rooms
- Kitchen & utility
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating (newly installed boiler)
- Fully double glazed
- Ideal for first time buyer or as buy to let
- EPC rating E (50)

£139,950

9 CHERRY TREE ROAD, NORTON CANES

FOUR BEDROOMED END MEW HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities In This Popular Village

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate toilet
- Built on garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

£137,500

14 ALSTON CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities Close By

- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Study/playroom/dining room
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and shower room
- Off road parking and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (64)

£245,000

356 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Residential Area of the Town

- Front porch
- Lounge with dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms & loft room
- Bathroom
- Built on garage & garden
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating D (64)

£249,950

ABBEY HOUSE, MAIN ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, ST17 0XD

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF ST MARY'S ABBEY COLWICH WITH VIEWS TOWARDS CANNOCK CHASE

- Enclosed Porch & Reception Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC & Side Entrance Lobby
- Three Bedrooms & Box Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Fully Double Glazed
- Sorry No Pets, Smokers, DSS or Persons Under 18yrs of Age
- Awaiting EPC Rating

w£750.00 pcm

21 WESTHILL AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford Town Centre

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Side porch/utility and cloalroom
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- No Chain

£210,000

210 HEDNESFORD ROAD, NORTON CANES

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CHARACTERFUL THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of This Popular Village

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage and gardens
- Intruder alarm
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (65)

£289,950

29 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD.

TWO BEDROOMED TOWN HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Lounge
- Kitchen area
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating D (64)

£112,500

26 SOUTH CLOSE, CANNOCK

A SUPERB TWO/THREE BEDROOM DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Sitting room/ bedroom three
- Shower room
- Two further bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage & gardens
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

£300,000 FREEHOLD

59 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD

AN IMPROVED AND EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge & dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility/cloakroom
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Detached garage to rear
- No chain
- EPC rating C (74)

£125,000 FREEHOLD

IVY HOUSE BARN, SLINDON, ECCLESHALL

DETACHED 3 BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION OFFERING CHARACTERFUL WELL EQUIPPED ACCOMMODATION. EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES INCL 7.9 ACRES APPROX STABLE BLOCK, TACK ROOM, MENAGE, GARAGE AND SECURE OFF ROAD PARKING TOGETHER WITH ORNAMENTAL GARDENS CONVENIENT FOR FACILITIES AT ECCLESHALL

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Secure off road parking
- Detached double garage
- Five stables, tack room and Gardens and paddocks extending to 7.9 of an acre approx
- EPC rating E (45)

£695,000 FREEHOLD

52 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED PERIOD PROPERTY located In The eSought After Shoal Hill Area Of The Town With Golf Course To The Rear

- Enclosed porch & reception hal
- Lounge
- Sitting/dining room
- Dining kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Predominantly double glazed & gas central heating
- Garage and gardens
- EPC rating D (56)

£325,000

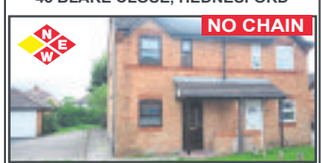
43 JAMES STREET, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities At cannock and Hednesford

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Porch/Utility and cloakroom
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating G (15)

£124,950

43 BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUPPIE TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For facilities At Hednesford and Cannock Town Centres

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£139,950

6C HUNTS LANE, SHORT HEATH, WILLENHALL

EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED AND APPOINTED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Landscaped garden & off road parking
- EPC rating C (73)

£230,000 FREEHOLD

168 ALLPORT STREET, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Sought After Area Convenient For The Town Centre

- Recessed porch & reception hall
- Sitting room
- Lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- EPC rating D (58)

£260,000

39 MILTON ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Veranda
- Brick built store/utility
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Double glazed & gas central heating
- Garden & block paved driveway (no dropped kerb)
- EPC rating tbc

£129,950

47 LLOYD STREET, CANNOCK

AN EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PRESENTED BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED EXTENDED AND IMPROVED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Recessed porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner/living area
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Larger than average garden
- Fully refurbished
- Double glazed and gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (63)

£279,950

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The Pines Home Park, Huntingdon

Offers Around £95,000

Mobile Home	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Bathroom
Lounge	Off Road Parking

Evesham Crescent, Walsall

Offers Around £110,000

End Terrace House	Bathroom
Two Bedrooms	Garden
Reception Room	EPC D

Bradbury Lane, Hednesford

Offers Over £150,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	NON STANDARD CONSTRUCTION
Lounge	EPC C

Pye Green Road, Cannock

Offers Around £160,000

Semie Detached Property	Off Road Parking
Two Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Three Rception Rooms	Awaitng EPC

St James Road, Cannock

Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Gardden
Lounge	EPC E

Chasewater Way, Norton Canes

Offers Over £190,000

Link Detached Property	Bathroom
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Kitchen / Diner	EPC E

Kestrel Way, Cheslyn Hay

Offers Around £200,000

Semi Detached Property	Bathroom
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	Awaiting EPC

Longford Road, Cannock

Offers Over £360,000

Detached Property	Rear Garden
Four Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge	EPC E

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Filey Close Cannock

£65,000

- First Floor
- One bedroom
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garden • EPC = C

Holme Rise Penkridge

£189,950

- Semi Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Carport & Garage • EPC = D

Surrey Close Rumer Hill

£85,000

- Well Presented First Floor Maisonette
- One Double Bedroom
- Stylish Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Shower Room
- Walking Distance to Cannock Train Station • EPC = TBC

Long Lane Great Wyrley

£230,000

- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Impressive Rear Garden
- Kitchen Diner
- Loft Room • EPC = D

Holme Rise Penkridge

£189,950

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Carport & Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden • EPC = TBC

St. Johns Road Cannock

£90,000

- Superbly Sized Apartment
- One Double Bedroom & Allocated Parking
- Refitted White Bathroom
- Lounge Diner and Kitchen
- Central Location to Cannock Town Centre • EPC = C

Bilberry Bank Hednesford

£139,950

- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen & Downstairs Guest WC
- Rear Lounge & Versatile Play Room/Office
- Three Bedrooms & Conservatory
- No Chain & Garage in Separate Block • EPC = D

Harrison Road Cannock

£140,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Well Presented
- Generous Rear Garden
- Modern Kitchen Diner
- Popular Location • EPC = E

Uxbridge Street Hednesford

£100,000

- Period Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Courtyard Garden
- Close To Amenities • EPC = D

Cooke Way Hednesford

£230,000

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Driveway & Garage
- Bathroom & Ensuite • EPC = B

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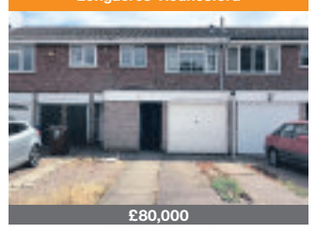

£80,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- One Double Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen & Stylish Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
- No Chain • EPC = D

The Pines Homes Park Huntington

£99,950

- Stunning Park Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Fantastic Kitchen
- Superb Shower Room
- Lounge • EPC = D

Herondale Hednesford

£55,000

- Auction T&Cs Apply
- One Bedroom
- First Floor Flat
- Vacant Possession
- Ideal First Time Purchase • EPC = F

Moreton Street Cannock

£120,000

- Auction T & C's Apply
- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Garden to Rear
- Garage & Driveway • EPC = C

Eastgate Street Burntwood

£90,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Traditional Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Lounge Diner
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Detached Rear Garden & Rear Garage • EPC = D

Langley Way Hawksyard

£109,950

- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- Modern Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge / Kitchen, Two Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- Allocated Parking • EPC = C

Hindley View Rugeley

£110,000

- Attention First Time Buyers and Commuters
- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge Diner
- Loft Storage Space
- Allocated Parking Space • EPC = B

Forge Close Churchbridge

£112,950

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In more detail the farmhouse kitchen has a comprehensive range of Shaker-style base and wall units with granite worktops and twin butler sinks with a mixer tap. There are integrated appliances of an electric induction hob, Meile dishwasher, microwave,

oil fired Alpha range cooker which serves the hot water and central heating system. The room also has concealed spotlights, stone flag floor tiles and a traditional style radiator. Within the floor is an original well which has been exposed with glass ceiling and courtesy lighting to provide a unique and unusual feature of the kitchen area. It has open access to the orangery.

Outside, the driveway provides access around to the gravelled courtyard. The stable block to the side has undergone refurbishment by the current vendors who have had planning permission granted for a change of use to a residential dwelling.

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Nothing cold about this Alpine

By Ian Donaldson

The hottest new car of the moment comes from a small factory in a French seaside town and could be yours tomorrow – if you're happy to pay over the odds for an already used one.

You might never have heard of the Alpine name but for motor sport enthusiasts with long memories it means a little two seater that punched well above its (light) weight in motorsport decades ago.

Good to look at and fast enough to win the Monte Carlo Rally (twice, in the 1970s), the A110 was the sort of car that sticks in the memory.

Now you can have one – with the same name and same lightweight thinking but brought thoroughly up to date in a car that clearly takes its inspiration from the original in looks too.

Sitting beside an original, today's A110 is clearly much bigger but the scales show how intensive use of aluminium for the body have made it much less portly than is normal today, especially for a car equipped with a long list of standard kit.

Those looks must have been one of the reasons the first 1,955 (in homage to the year Alpine began) special Premiere Editions of today's Dieppe-built Alpine sold out in five days.

You can have one of the 140 cars sold in the UK but you'll have to pay the original owner several grand more than the £51,805 he or she paid for their car and you still won't be the first owner.

Or you can be patient and add your name to a waiting list stretching many months into the future for one of the two versions of Alpine A110 now on sale – the £46,905 Pure or £50,805 Legende. It will be worth the wait.

The seats hug and cosset

Renault has owned Alpine since 1973 and today's car uses a Renault-derived 1.8 litre turbocharged engine sitting behind driver and passenger and powering the rear wheels through a seven-speed automatic gearbox.

Weighing as little as 1,098kg, the Alpine makes good uses of its 248bhp, powering to an electronically limited 155mph top speed and hitting 62mph in 4.5 seconds.

That lightness helps this potent machine record an official 46.3mpg in the official economy test and turn in a respectable 138g/km of tailpipe emissions too.

When the mood to make progress takes charge a push of a button turns the exhaust fruity and snaps the gearchanges through with positive intent but still keeps the car the right side of civilised.

Both versions come well equipped, with air conditioning, satellite navigation and leather trimmed seats in lightweight carbon fibre casings as standard. The posher version adds a fancy audio system, bigger alloy wheels, different leather trim and a parking camera.

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Alpine's quest for lightness has several beneficial effects, from a likely surprise when you check the fuel consumption to tyre wear. It also means the car can feel sporty without needing springs stiff enough to bounce you down the road.

In fact, first and most lasting impression of a spirited drive is not the car's speed (fast and nicely noisy though it can be) but the almost absurd comfort of seats that hug and cosset in all the right places and a ride that refuses to turn nasty, whatever the road surface.

So smoothly assured is progress that you don't need to risk your driving licence to enjoy progress in the Alpine, enjoying perfectly weighted steering and powerful brakes at sensible speeds while contemplating the sort of long distance drives you'd make if Alpine didn't want their car back.

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Little raver with some extra fizz that doesn't become flat

This ST represents the bargain hot hatch of the moment

By Ian Donaldson

If you enjoy driving with enthusiasm you'll know cars only come alive when they're pushed along a bit. Given a bit of wellie, in other words.

Try that too often in, say, a Lamborghini (a badge picked entirely at random, of course) and you'll end up in a ditch, hospital bed or magistrates' court. Or all three.

Prompt a similar level of enthusiasm from the new Fiesta ST and the worst that will happen is more frequent visits to the petrol pumps.

The rest of the time you'll be grinning like someone who's just opened a registered letter from the Lottery.

For here is a little raver built with the sort of extra fizz you can enjoy on almost any road, especially if it's smooth and winding and you're in the mood for fun.

The engineers at Ford have taken the new Fiesta – itself a winner in the everyman driving stakes – and turned the grin-ometer up to full for the ST version, adding to its attraction with a price that makes it look a bit of a bargain.

For £18,995 you can buy an ST-1 with all the essentials for a thoroughly thought through hot hatch, from strapped down suspension to Recaro sports front seats and a throbby three-cylinder engine that produces 200 horsepower and wants to make you smile all day long. So too will the test car's 42mpg average. Add in chunky alloy wheels, firmly positive steering and brakes and a precise gearchange and this ST represents the bargain hot hatch of the moment.

Cruise control, a thick rimmed and flat bottomed steering wheel, air conditioning and touchscreen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto mean this is no stripped out bargain basement racer.

Of course, Ford invites you to spend more. Move to an ST-2, from £19,995, and you'll add heated front seats, auto climate control and a B&O sound system, along with smarter alloys. Spend £21,495 and the ST-3 brings bigger alloys, sat nav, lumbar support, heated steering wheel and rear parking camera.

Get carried away (or drive a press car!) and you'll find extra goodies, like superb full LED headlights (£600) and a performance pack (£850) that includes a limited slip differential. Adding rear doors costs £650. Spend another £750 and your speedy Fiesta can ditch the no cost red paint for exclusive performance blue, but it remains a discreet looking machine, hiding its potency beneath a thankfully discreet body kit that won't have every nine year old hatch with silly wheels and mortar-sized exhaust trying to muscle into your bit of road space.

Inside, the ST remains a practical family hatch with decent room in the rear and a sensibly sized boot.

Instruments and switches are easily viewed or touched, although you won't feel as though you're cocooned in a posher car's interior. Solid and workmanlike does here.

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UK's top road rage phrases revealed

Road rage is something most motorists will have faced one time or another – and new research has revealed the phrases Brits are most likely to spout when seeing red behind the wheel.

The survey of 1,329 motorists across the UK by private number plate specialists Click4Reg has found that 'Go on then, move!' is the most popular choice of words by enraged drivers – with 72 per cent saying they have used the phrase.

Following just behind is 'Is the person in front dead?', with 70 per cent of respondents having said this at some point, while 'He's not even looking' rounded out the top three with 67 per cent.

Passive-aggressive statements also seem to be popular amongst road rage Brits – with 61 per cent of those surveyed having said 'You're welcome' in a sarcastic manner to another motorist.

It should be mentioned Click4Reg opted to omit suggestions with expletives in, which has likely skewed these results, but the data collected proves road rage is a common problem in the UK.

In fact, 78 per cent said they have at some point experienced a burst of anger behind the wheel — with 46 per cent of all saying they experience it on a daily basis.

Some prove to be far more aggressive than others when overcome with road rage though, with 66 per cent of respondents claiming to be reluctant to use their vehicle's horn – while the other 34 per cent identified as 'serial honkers'.

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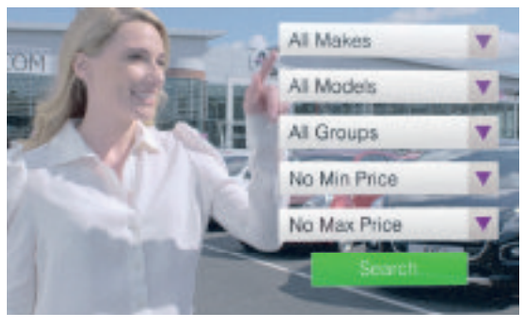

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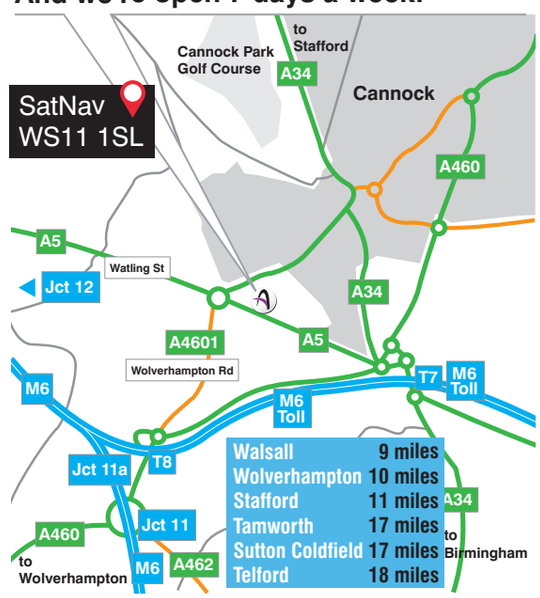

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Her Funeral Service will take place on Monday, October 29, 2018 at Lichfield Crematorium, Fradley, at 3.30pm.

Family Flowers only please, and any donations kindly received will be given to Cancer Research UK and Dementia UK.

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Deaths

CRUTCHLEY
Norman

Passed away at New Cross Hospital on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, aged 79 years.

Norman will be sadly missed by all his loving Family and Friends.

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HEATON
Margaret

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PREECE

Olive Joan

Passed away peacefully at New Cross Hospital on Friday, October 12, 2018, aged 83 years.

Olive will be sadly missed by all her loving Family.

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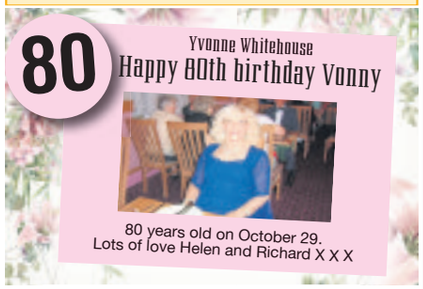

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Baggies Bomber now on board with BCB

'BAGGIES Bomber' Tommy Langford has joined the Black Country Boxing stable. The former British middleweight champion has signed a management contract with BCB Promotions and will work alongside trainer Tom Chaney.

Langford will step up to super middleweight as he plots a course back to boxing's big time in 2019. BCB's Errol Johnson said: "I'm delighted to bring Tommy to BCB. He had two absolute wars with Jason Welborn this year and showed, especially in that second fight, real heart and courage.

"He was a pleasure to deal with on both occasions and now he is stepping up in weight, we believe he can be a real force in the super middleweight division."

"I am happy to be signing with BCB and for Errol to be working alongside Tom Chaney to plot my course back to the top," said Langford.

"I know I can perform at championship level at super middleweight and I'm looking forward to the journey ahead."

Women can get taste of American football

WOMEN are being urged to try their hand at American football with a series of taster sessions. Five-time British champions the Birmingham Lions are inviting females aged 17 or over to try out gridiron during at a rookie camp on the next two Saturdays, October 27 and November 3, at Avery Fields, on Sandon Road, from 9am-noon.

Created in 2014, the Lions were the first British women's club side to take on a European club abroad when they played French side Les Sparkles. They travelled to Finland in 2017 to take on national champions Helsinki Wolverines and in April 2018, they won the inaugural Diamond Bowl, Europe's first ever women's international tournament.

Club captain Jo Kilby said: "American Football is an incredibly empowering sport for women. Previous experience doesn't matter; in fact, many of our rookies last year had never played a contact sport in their lives."

For more about the team and rookie camps, see facebook.com/BhamLionsWM), Twitter (@BhamLionsWomen) and Instagram (@bhamlionswm)

Gavin steps up title fight preparations

FRANKIE Gavin has stepped up preparation ahead of his European welterweight title clash with champion Kerman Lejerraga, travelling by boat to Bilbao for a pre-fight press conference.

Despite travelling the world as an amateur, a 'bad flight' led to a fear of planes for the 33 year-old, and he will again travel to the Basque country by boat during fight week.

"Everyone knows I don't like flying," said Gavin. "I had a bad flight and now I choose not to fly. I caught a train to Plymouth and jumped on the ferry to Santander then got picked up and brought to Bilbao."

Gavin is wary of his opponent's power. 'The Revolver', a Bilbao native, is unbeaten in 26 professional fights with 21 KOs to his name."Kerman is a hard hitter," he added. "He's a tough lad and I know I'm up against it a bit. The atmosphere is intimidating but I'm prepared for that."

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Think I'm getting the hang of this

Chris Dawson passes on a few tips to Joseph Masi

Having a ball by hitting the wall

IT'S been described as the world's healthiest sport. But while there are more squash courts in England than any other country – 8,500 in fact – the amount of people playing the game is falling.

But thousands of players recently picked up their rackets to celebrate World Squash Day.

And Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club is doing everything it can to encourage people to take up the sport.

The club runs with the slogan 'Get healthy, play sport and make friends'. And coach Chris Dawson, who gave me my first squash lesson, believes the game is perfect for anyone looking to improve their health and fitness.

"The aim for us is to get more people to give squash a go – because we're confident once they do, they will take to it straight away," he said.

"It's a great game for fitness and I'd encourage anyone of an age to get involved because there are so many different sides to the game.

Different

"There are a few simple rules. But there are so many different shots you can play.

"You can play with power and hit the ball hard and fast. But it's very easy to slow that down. Everyone can find their niche. It's all about controlling the ball, concentrating all the time and being one step ahead.

"It's like a game of chess, everyone has a weakness – it's about finding that."

With more than 1,000 members, Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club has a variety of ways people can get into the sport. Courts can be hired between friends, one-on-one lessons are available and there are also leagues for people looking for a competitive edge.

But it is the club's 'mixer' sessions that are ideal for newcomers, with players able to go up against different people while learning new skills.

"The great thing here is that there is always somebody who wants a game," Dawson continued. "We have over 1,000 members and there is something for everybody.

"You can book a court, have individual lessons and there are also internal leagues.

"Our mixer sessions are also popular and take place on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and everybody is welcome. We normally have a group of around eight people turn up so we open four or five courts. "You then play against each other but, often it won't just be a game. One of the coaches will set a certain routine to help you improve your game. In a game, all you think about is winning the rally. But if you're given a routine, you are trying to do something with the ball and it quickly helps you to improve."

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

"The aim for us is to get more people to give squash a go – because we're confident once they do, they will take to it straight away,"

While some people may find it daunting to walk into a squash club, Dawson – who recently moved down from Lancashire – says everyone is made to feel welcome in Wolverhampton.

"I have only been here about a month but everyone has been very friendly and very welcoming," he continued.

"And here you can go at your own pace and make the game your own. The first step is to come down and try it and you can pick it up at any age.

"There are people here in their 80s playing squash. There is also racket ball, which is slower and has a bigger ball which bounces more and gives you more time.

"The important thing to remember is the game is all about movement. If your movement is right, if you can pick up just a few small things, the game isn't as tough as you think.

"It's all about making it efficient for yourself."

As well as encouraging older people to take up the sport, Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club also wants to see more youngsters playing the game.

The club runs coaching sessions for youngsters aged between five and 17. And Dawson is eager to get more through the door.

"As far as juniors go, on the tennis side – we've got quite a few, but on the squash side we're trying to build it up," he added. "We haven't got that many at the moment but we're hoping to change that."

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Sport

Hitting the wall! Our man Joe makes a racket

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Young team show their tough side

Cannock M1 3 Barton M1 3

THIS was another demonstration of the grit and determination this young Cannock side are developing a reputation for.

An early strike from Harry Jawanda saw the Chase Park club take a well deserved lead against Barton.

Not to be outdone, Cannock pressed hard to extend their lead with a vicious reserve strike from Jordan Joiner well saved by the Barton keeper and a further effort from Callum Swinnerton again denied by the keeper. Barton grabbed an equaliser.

In the second half the physicality continued as Barton took and then extended their lead to 3-1 before Jordan Joiner grabbed Cannock's second. In the dying minutes, following sustained pressure from Cannock, Harry Jawanda hit back to equalise and then following two overtime short corners, Cannock were awarded a penalty. Unfortunately, the Barton keeper pulled off a fine save to deny them the winner.

Cannock M4's fixture was cancelled by the opposition.

Other results included Cannock M5 0 Sutton Coldfield M6 4 and Cannock L1 1 Leamington 1.

Cannock L2s 0 Loughborough 6

Cannock started under pressure and went down 1-0 within the first five minutes. Cannock's defence continued to endure some sustained Loughborough attacking play and saw themselves 5-0 down at half-time. Elsewhere, Cannock L3 drew 0-0 with Stafford L1s.

Scholars made to settle for a point as lead slips away

Chasetown 2 Skelmersdale 2

CHASETOWN'S search for a home league win continues after they squandered a two-goal lead in this game.

The hosts had the best of the first 20 minutes with Matty Hardiman heading wide and drilling a shot that Terry Smith held. Chasetown broke the deadlock in the 36th minute when Will Whieldon's corner was met with a bullet header by Ryan Wynter. The Scholars should have made it two when Jon Beaumont slid an effort agonisingly wide of the upright.

Whieldon turned provider for Hardiman at the start of the second half but Smith made a superb save with his legs as Hardiman tried to lift the ball over the advancing keeper.

But the Scholars were soon celebrating a second. Substitute Muzzy Nduna beat his man and delivered a pinpoint cross onto the head of Hardiman who made no mistake from six yards.

The visitors pulled one back as Sean Yeldrem swept the ball past Curtis Pond.

Hardiman almost restored the two-goal lead before United broke quickly and levelled through William Dunne.

Rally pair tested by tricky island event

Paul Culverwell and co-driver Ryan Jones in action

CANNOCK-BASED rally driver Paul Culverwell took the long trip with Welsh co-driver Ryan Jones to contest the Roberts Garages Jersey Rally.

The stage rally, run on the largest of the Channel Islands, consisted of 260 miles, 125 of which were competitive, over 27 stages – a notoriously difficult rally due to the very demanding nature of the event.

Culverwell and Jones were seeded at car 45 in their Darrian T9 supported by Fuchs Lubricants UK, Roadtech Cutting Services Ltd and David Briggs Psychology. Opting for a steady approach on the opening two loops of stages, as both crew were new to the event, they were pleased to reach second service in around 35th place.

The weather stayed kind to everyone as the rally re-started early on Saturday morning.

The driveshaft finally failed right at the end of the event with Culverwell and Jones just able to literally push the car into the final control. The resultant time loss dropped the exhausted pair

SWEENEY THE HAT-TRICK ACE

Matlock 3 Hednesford 3

A HAT-TRICK from Hednesford's Dan Sweeney wasn't enough to see his side record a victory as they twice gave away a two-goal lead.

The Pitmen started the Evo-Stik Northern Premier clash on top and almost went ahead when Nathan Fox's low drive was cleared off the line.

But the visitors were in front a minute later. Sweeney was fouled in the box and the striker picked himself up to fire home the resulting penalty. Sweeney was in the action again in the 12th minute as he charged down a clearance but the striker couldn't find the net from the edge of the box when through on goal.

His strike partner Lewis Archer had a header saved before Sweeney robbed the ball off the keeper but saw his shot headed off the line.

Advantage

Hednesford were awarded a second penalty in the 34th minute when Sweeney was taken out. The Solihull Moors loan man was again clinical from 12 yards to double his side's lead.

The home side were awarded a spot-kick nine minutes later following a foul by Reece King, and Craig Westcarr sent Josef Bursik the wrong way.

Hednesford regained their two-goal advantage when Stefan Galinski headed down a free-kick to Sweeney, who controlled before firing home.

The Pitmen almost added a fourth in the 55th minute as Dan Cockerline just failed to get onto a low effort that flashed across the goal.

Matlock rallied and grabbed a second in the 61st minute when Bursik failed to hold onto a free-kick and Jamie Jackson scrambled the ball into the net.

The hosts levelled seven minutes later when Jackson's deep cross in was slid home by Westcarr. In the end, both sides had to settle for a point as the Pitmen recorded their first draw of the season.

Hednesford Town's Dan Sweeney celebrates his hat-trick against Matlock

Riders end their season on a high note

A COMBINED three podiums in two different classes ensured the region's British Superbike riders signed off for the season in style.

Brierley Hill-born Michael Rutter and his Black Country-based Bathams Racing team ended the 2018 National Superstock 1000 championship superbly at Brands Hatch as his team-mate Taylor Mackenzie claimed a brilliant win. Mackenzie ends the campaign seventh in the table with Rutter 13th.

Storm Stacey missed out on second place in the British Motostar Moto 3 class by five points. The Eccleshall star, 15, finished the opening race fourth and, starting fifth for the finale, horrendous weather saw all the racers going out on full wets for the first time this year. He finished third in championship.

Kurt Wigley, 23, from Hednesford, ended his British Supersport campaign 16th in the table, with his twin brother Matt 28th. Fellow Sorrymate.com rider Josh Hiatt, 15, of Heath Hayes, ended the season 21st in the standard class table.

Troi raring to go in return to town hall

TROI Coleman is ready to 'empty the tank' upon his quick-fire return to action at the same venue where he made his pro debut.

'The Hawk' flies back into the ring at Walsall Town Hall just 35 days from his paid bow with a second outing in the middleweight division on Saturday October 27.

He features on Errol Johnson's BCB Promotions show, a Halloween spooktacular titled 'Things That Go Bump in the Night'.

He turned over with a 40-36 points whitewash over the experienced Lewis van Poetsch, who was competing in his 87th pro contest.

Van Poetsch made it 23 fights without being stopped by lasting the distance and needed his guile to see the final bell.

The chiseled Coleman looked in great shape having dropped pounds and has taken to the sport quickly, having hovered around light heavyweight in his former calling of kickboxing.

The 23-year-old competed at amateur level for the Platinum gym in his hometown of Burntwood, before becoming an unlicensed boxer.

He's keen to go through the gears as he looks to become a success and is determined to see that his next opponent will be dispatched in clinical fashion.

He said: "I got my wish, I'm already busy and I was back in the gym two days after my last fight.

"It would have been the next day, but I had a family meal to go to."

Late wonder strike proves the decider

Heath Hayes 2 Rocester 3

THE game was decided by an 85th minute wonder strike from Rocester's Jason Dodd which left Hayes keeper Jordon Harvey grasping fresh air.

Hayes took the lead on 25 minutes when the Rocester keeper was penalised for bringing down Dean Williams who gratefully dispatched the penalty.

The game turned on its head when the referee awarded a penalty which bought the half time score to 1-1. Hayes took the lead for a second time when Andrew Davis scored on 65 minutes, but the points were squandered when sloppy defending let in Dundas and Dodd.

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CONTINUED SUCCESS & EXPANSION

Cousins are also further extending their unique "Bespoke Upholstery" departments, which enable consumers to solve any seating dilemma they may have.

Whether it's design, dimensions, comfort levels or fabric covering, a customer can design a sofa, chair or corner group to exactly match their needs.

This is a service that isn't generally available on the High Street and certainly meets a significant demand.

WAREHOUSE RESTRUCTURING

Both online and offline, Cousins' will be continuing to improve the shopping experience.

The recent opening of a new fully responsive website, has resulted in a significant uplift in sales, together with increased consumer demand for immediate delivery, meaning that they need much more storage capacity in their warehouses.

So, a comprehensive restructuring programme of both their facilities and systems is about to commence.

STOCK ARRIVING DAILY – EVERYTHING MUST GO

This tremendous pressure for space, with the need to clear stock from suppliers and their warehouses plus the need to create space in-store mean that consignments will continue to arrive daily, and be marked down to prices for immediate Clearance and delivery.

"We need to clear this stock as soon as possible with everything available for immediate delivery. It really is a case of everything must go" said John Shotton.

"We are delighted to offer our customers more choice than ever before.

These are some of the biggest saving we have ever offered and expect people to take full advantage".

MADE TO ORDER

Cousins have even dramatically reduced all made to order items, so you can choose exactly what size or colours suit your home. Their expert team of sales people will be on hand to ensure you make the right decision at the best price.

"We are expecting this to be our busiest event of the year from the minute the doors open. With many one-off bargains and unrepeatable deals it really will be a case of first come first served" said John Shotton, Managing Director.

DOORS OPEN FRIDAY 10am SHARP!

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THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - EVE

ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY

EVERYTHING REDUCED!

Doors open 10am Friday, be early for the best buys, there are many never to be repeated ONE OFF bargains. If you are seriously thinking of buying any item of furniture, carpets, beds or home accessories at the lowest possible prices then you must visit Cousins this Friday, Saturday or Sunday!

THERE WILL ALSO BE BIG DISCOUNTS OFF ALL SPECIAL MADE TO ORDER ITEMS!

LIVING ROOM:

GPLAN - NEWTON 3 seater sofa + power chair	~~£3304~~ £995
NATUZZI EDITIONS - JENA Modern leather swivel chair	~~£1129~~ £467
STRESSLESS - EX DISPLAY STOCK Leather swivel recliners & sofas	SAVE AT LEAST 60%
PARKER KNOLL - BURGHLEY Large 2 seater sofa and chair	~~£2999~~ £1284
BUOYANT - STARCK 2 seater sofa and storage footstool	~~£1129~~ £372
DURESTA - HOLMES 2 seater sofa and matching chair	~~£6309~~ £1649
FOOTSTOOLS Assorted designs, finishes and colours	FROM £39

BEDROOM:

WILLIS AND GAMBIER Ivory painted 2 door wardrobe	~~£1449~~ £678
BAKER - COTSWOLD Rustic 6 drawer tall chest	~~£379~~ £146
NOLTE - EX DISPLAYS Contemporary bedrooms	SAVE 60%

BEDS:

MYERS - KELMSCOTT King size 2 drawer divan	~~£699~~ £333
OSLO Fabric double bedstead	~~£529~~ £198
WHITE LABEL MATTRESSES Limted stocks	FROM £99

SAVE UP TO 70% - Furnish your home at phenomenally low prices - large stocks available for immediate delivery.

LEADING BRAND NAMES ALL REDUCED, EVERY SINGLE STOCK ITEM MUST GO!

BE EARLY FOR THE BEST BARGAINS! ALL STOCK MUST BE CLEARED - SOME AT COST OR EVEN LESS!

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CLEARANCE OPENING TIMES:
Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 9.30am - 6pm
Sun 11am - 5pm

SAVE UP TO 70%

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DINING ROOM:

ERCOL - ROMANA Oak coffee table	~~£819~~ £296
DINING CHAIRS TO CLEAR Assorted styles and finishes	FROM £10
LATINA - WHITE High gloss extending table and 6 chairs	~~£1499~~ £648
WILLIS AND GAMBIER Reclaimed timber 3 drawer/1 door sideboard	~~£899~~ £365
HALO - ALSTI Oak nest of tables	~~£379~~ £144
TUCSON Marble and chrome dining table & 6 chairs	~~£1999~~ £772
ALFRANK High gloss with marble 4 door sideboard	~~£1299~~ £488

FLOORING:

AXMINSTER Glenavy 100% wool carpet	~~£79m²~~ £38m²
COLUMBIA TWIST Stain resistant carpet. Good selection of colours	~~£12m²~~ £5.85m²
RUGS TO CLEAR Assorted designs, sizes and colours	FROM £29

HOMEWARES:

DENBY - DINNER SETS - WHILE STOCKS LAST! All existing stock must be cleared	SAVE 60%
SCATTER CUSHIONS Assorted designs and colours	FROM £4
JOSEPH JOSEPH Kitchenware stock must be cleared!	SAVE 35%

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